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### Israel opposes U.S.-Saudi deal

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel said on Tuesday it would oppose the sale of a U.S. spy satellite to Saudi Arabia should the satellite be used in spy on the Jewish state. "If in fact it will be used for intelligence targets that are liable to burt us, we will object to its sale," an official quoted Foreign Minister Shimon Peres as telling a closed-door meeting of parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee. The newspaper Haaretz reported on Tuesday that the Chinon administration had asked Israel to accept the deal and refrain from lobbying against it. "Israel rushed to express opposition, arguing that if such a satellite were sold to Saudi Arabia, Israel's qualitative military edge would be compromised," it said. The newspaper's military commentator Zeev Schiff called Arabia, Israel's qualitative minitary coge would be compromised, it said. The newspaper's military commentator Zeev Schiff called the sale "a clear violation of the promise by several presidents to preserve Israel's qualitative edge." "The Saudis are double talking. They think that the entire world wants their money. We don't need Saudi money. We will build the Middle East whou the Saudis," Mr. Peres said. "They should stop thinking that whoever has oil, has everything," he told the committee.



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### Villagers demand end to Israeli siege

YOHMOR, Lebanon (AFP) — Protesters nn Tuesday demanded that Israel left the blockade of their village in South Lebanon and prevented the Red Cross from taking in a mobile clinic and medicine. Around 40 men and women from Yohmor, who have medicine. Around 40 men and women from Yohmor, who have been struck nutside their village since soldiers sealed it off last Tuesday after a series of anti-Israeli attacks, demanded that the access road be reopened. They blocked a mobile clinic carrying two Lebanese Red Cross doctors, two medical assistants and 50 kilogrammes of medicine. A representative of the International Committee in the Red Cross tried to persuade them to clear the way in allow health checks on some 180 families trapped inside, amid reports of medicine, food and water shortages. Officials said the Red Cross would continue its efforts to convince the villagers to let them in. Israeli troops observed the exchange from a nearby hilltop position. Yohmor, on the edge of Israel's "security zone" South Lebanon, was cut off by the Israeli army a day after guerrillas killed an officer and wounded 13 soldiers in a series of attacks. The army built an earth wall on the road linking Yohmor to areas controlled by the Lebanese army.

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The King, who arrived in London on Friday after a historie July 25 meeting in Washington with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shain north China's opin mir and U.S. President out plagued Shaansi proving Clinton, said the voices of conscision to the peace prosaid II was marketing opposition to the peace proaddiction-busting coarms cess were part of the democracy that Jordan enjoys.

In a democracy this invariahly happens, and there is naturally going to be opposi-tion, but they are not a majority, the King said. The King said he felt that this has to be presented to the

people, and that he was seriously contemplating hold-ing a national referendum to determine the "exact size of the opposition," expressing full confidence in the people

addressed his congregators. On Jerusalem, King Hus-the small West Susser is sein said: "I have received several invitations to visit Jerusalem. I feel it is my right as a Muslim, a Hashemite and as an Arab to visit the larger than normal or Jerusalem and Hebron and when I do so I will do so without anybody's permis-

> On timing, the King told reporters: "As to when, I don't know but it will happen

LONDON (Petra) — His

Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday received in his resi-

dence here Qatari Foreign

Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben

Jasem Ben Jabr Al Thani,

who conveyed to the King the

greetings of Qatari Emir

Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad

Al Thani. King Hussein and

the Qatari minister reviewed

the Arah arena, particularly

the Middle East peace pro-

cess and bilateral relations.

The audience was attended

by Royal Court Chief Sharif

Zeid Ben Shaker and the

Jordanian and Qatari amhas-

Arab Bank to open

WAZA CITY (AFP) — The Arab Bank will soon open

branches in the Palestinian

self-rule areas after a 27-year

absence, officials said Tues-

day. The decision comes

amid rising interest from the Arab banking sector in the

Gaza Strip and Jerichn. At

least two banks have set up

branches in the self-rule areas

and more have promised to

follow suit. Shukri Bishara, a

director at the Arab Bank,

met Palestinian leader Yasser-

Arafat and later told repor-

ters new branches would be

opened within two months in

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King meets

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ing."
In his meeting with the journalists, the King outlined the basis of Jordan's commitment, efforts and drive towards a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict over many years, culminating in the convening of the Mad-rid peace conference, the bilateral, multilateral, and, more recently, the trilateral talks that ensued. He emphasised that Jordan is as committed as ever to arriving at a just, durable and comprehen-

sive peace in the region. The King summarised the main events of the last few years, saying that Jordan has since 1974 adhered to recog-

nising and supporting the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people, and that it was in this spirit that Jordan severed legal and administrative ties with the West Bank, with the exception of the holy places in Jerusalem, in order to allow the representatives of the Palestinian people to assume charge of their own destiny and future, on their national

He stressed that it was within the same context that Jordan provided the umbrella for the Palestinians to enter the Madrid process. This enahled the Palestinians not only to participate, but also to have, at Jordan's insistence, their own track of negotiations with Israel.

The King maintained that recent progress leading up to the Washington summit with Mr. Rabm, at President Clinton's invitation, could have taken place at any time fol-lowing the establishment of the trilateral U.S.-Jordanian-Israeli Economic Commission after the meeting be-tween President Clinton, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, last October.

However, in the final analysis, the timing was just right for what will hopefully represent a very significant step forward towards a comprehensive settlement of the conflict.

The King said that the Jordanian-Israeli common agenda, which was initialled the day after the signing of the declaration of principles hetween Israel and the

### Austria, Comoros congratulate King

MMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday received cables of support and appreciation from world leaders and representatives of the various sectors in Jordan over the signing of the Washington

Austrian President Thomas Klestil said in a cable: Your courageous step has given a clear signal to the other parties in the region to settle the remaining differences and clear the way for a lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Klestil said the King's efforts to establish peace had given "strength to the moderate parties who call for coexistence in the region which has suffered so long from wars and conflicts."

Palestinians and the subsequent meeting of the trilateral commission reflected Jordan's determination to pursue vigorously its national priorities.

Following his June trip to Washington, the King said that he was fully convinced that it was high time to move ahead. The King indicated that the reason for the delay in moving ahead before was Israel's insistence on signing a peace treaty and then negotiating its various elements. It was only when Israel finally accepted the Jordanian proposal that negotiations over all the elements of the common agenda had to take place

"You have also npened up new opportunities for coop-eration that go beyond the regional borders, to include the building of strong part-nerships between the Middle East and Europe," President Klestil said.

The King also received a similar cahle from President Mohammad Jawhar of the Comoros who congratulated the King over the Washing-ton Declaration, which recognised Jordan's historic role in the Islamic shrines in Jeru-

Other cahles of support were sent by the director general of the Jordan Economic and Social Organisation for Retired Servicemen, and chairman and members of the Hittin camp services improvement committee

before signing the peace treaty, that progress became In the spirit of consultation

and participation in the deci-sion making process in Jor-dan, and given the fact that parliament was not in session, the King met with parliamentarians on his return to Jordan, and through them addressed the nation at large tn explain the reasons for Jordan's intention to move forward. The response, His Majesty said, was overwhelming in terms of sup-port. His Majesty said it was quite heartening to know that

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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the a visit he paid to an Armed Forces division Regent, on Tuesday addresses soldiers during (Armed Forces photo)

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# **Regent: Armed Forces** symbolise steadfastness

AMMAN (J.T.) — His thanked the ufficers for their Ruyal Highness Crown efforts in training the troops. Prince Hassan, the Regent, said Tuesday that the Jordanian Armed Forces represent a symbol of Jordan's steadfastness, stressing that Jor-dan, which stood by its na-tion, would remain faithful to the Arah causes.

"Any one trying to tamper with the Jordanian steadfastness will be harming the steadfastness of the whole nation, Prince Hassan said in an address to the group of army officers of the Third Royal Armoured Division.

The Regent said "positive opposition in which we believe is one that is based on the differences in views which should not harm the national

Prince Hassan toured the unit's positions and inspected training programmes. He also watched field exercises and took part in them.

In his address to the troops, the Regent conveyed to them the greetings of His

message means employing science to upgrade performfields and ntilising time to define priorities at the level of the Armed Forces for re-

This means reconstructing and developing the Armed Forces and their capabilities employing what Majesty King Hussein and the King will make available

construction.

to us so that Inrdan will remain a fortress of stability. "Yesterday and before I came out to this field I spoke

God willing, and for ever."
"Our faith should be manifested through our refined manners, the Jordanian to the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, King Hussein, who we hope will Armed Forces' manners and soon come back safely. He discipline. sends you his greetings of confidence and feeling of

"The Armed Forces remain the only tool for defending the homeland in the face of any external aggression and they constitute the base for protecting the Con-stitution and safeguarding national unity.

The Armed Forces will remain by the side of right and they will continue their silent endeavnurs around the year, following training programmes day and night so that they can ensure the country's

"Being soldiers to some, unknown to some people, you are well-known to King Hussein. May God hless you ail and protect Jurdan and the nation.'

The Prince later distributed awards to officers excelling in their performance.

### Jordanian, Israeli experts meet to prepare for crossing, bilaterals By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter visited the site, and Shlomo

AMMAN - Jordanian and Israeli experts began two days of talks Tuesday to prepare for the next round of bilateral negotiations on border and water rights scheduled to begin nn Ang. 8 and lay the ground for opening a crossing point for tourists in the south.

A Foreign Ministry spokes-man, quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, noted that the opening of the crossing point was one of the issues contained in the July 25 Washington Declaration signed by His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The talks took place at the same tent camp in the Wadi Araba desert where Jordanian and Israeli negotiators launched their first talks in the region on July 1g. The site is about 13 kilometres north of Aqaba.

The Aug. 8 talks will be held at the Moriah Hotel on the Israeli side of the Dead Sea, the Jerusalem Post reported Tuesday.

Apart from sorting nut the issues that are expected to be tackled by senior negotiating teams, the experts meeting Tuesday and Wednesday were to decide the exact route of the crossing point for tourists.

Work is expected to begin on access roads and the crossing point immediately after final agreement is reached on

the precise location. According to reports from the Israeli side, Israel proposed a crossing point about four kilometres north of the

port of Eilat. The delegations

Tushinsky, a local Israeli nfficial, was quoted as saying the Jordanian delegates objected to the site. But talks were

Jordan has proposed a site further north, nearer to the place where the talks were taking place, hut Israelis were resisting it because nf internal opposition from environmentalist groups which say the area is a nature re-

Mr. Rahin told reporters Tuesday that the experts were seeking a rnadlink "from an Israeli sovereign area tn a Jordanian sovereign

As and when completed. the roadlink is expected to be npened by King Hussein and Mr. Rahin in a meeting ex-

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# Rabin rules out immediate negotiations on Jerusalem

TEL AVIV (Agencies) Israel will not discuss the future of Jerusalem before 1996, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Tuesday, rejecting a demand from Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat

that talks begin immediately. "The negotiations on the permanent solution between them and us will take place two years after the completion of the implementation of the Gaza-Jericho solution... which means the middle of

May 1996," Mr. Rabin said. The peace agreement signed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel last year said that negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem should take place no later than two years after the introduction of Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, that

On Monday Mr. Arafat accused Israel of forcing the Jerusalem issue to the forefront and demanded immediate negotiations.

Palestinians are upset that

the Israel-Jordan peace declaration signed in Washington last week reaffirmed the historic role of King Hussein over the city's Muslim holy

Mr. Rabin spoke with reporter after a tour of the national police headquarters, built by Israel in Arah East Jerusalem.

Mr. Rahin repeated Israel's long-held posinin that the city must remain "united" under Israeli rule.

"Jerusalem is united under Israeli sovereignty and will be Israel's capital now and in the future," he said.

Jordan has said it sup ported the PLO's campaign to gain political sovereignty over East Jerusalem, adding that this did not clash with its religious custody of Muslim sites there.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres tried to play down the dispute, saying nn Tuesday "we're not talking about a special status, hut nf a role... the present Jordanian role."

In Cairo, chief PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath insisted Tuesday Mr. Arafat is entitled to demand immediate talks on the final status of

"The question of starting permanent settlement nego-namens now is in the DoP." Nabil Shaath said, referring to the Israeli-PLO declara-

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# Regent urges Jordanians to rise above 'pettiness of day-to-day politics' in tackling national issues

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tues-day expressed hope that Jordanians wind "rise above the pettiness of dayto-day politics" when dealing with national issues with lnng-term consequences for the country and

its interests. The Crown Prince said the higher interests of the nation should guide the actions of people who participate in government and

governance Those whn lead and participate in government and governance have to take the safety and interest of the nation as a body, rather than particular parties or groups, into prime consideration," Prince Hassan told the Jordan Times.

The Crown Prince said Jordan welcomes constructive opposition which can only enrich the fabric of public debate hut stressed that it "is imperative for citizens privileged to wield influence on the body politic to exercise self control" in whatever they publicly

do or say. "Citizens holding the public interest and trust are expected to uphold the ethics of public debate and defend national unity and solidarity in the face of challenges," Prince Hassan told the Jordan Times one day after he underlined the need to understand the concept of the freedom of expression during a meeting with Islamists and other

independent members of the Lower House of Parliament as well as Cabinet

During the meeting. which was requested by Acting Lower Hnnse Speaker Ahdnl Razzaq Tubeishat, Prince Hassan criticised as irresponsible acts the abuse of freedom of expression at public forums.

"Incitements to violence from pulpits or other public platforms do not constitute democracy but a perversion of democratic right," said Prince Hassan stressed

that neither the economy of the Kingdom nor the cause of Jordan and Palestine will be served "if we engage in name-calling... or by irresponsible recriminations or accusations of treachery." During his meeting with

lawmakers, the Crown Prince criticised the attempts by some political parties to exploit the issues of poverty, unemployment and national debt to gain political support. He also wondered

whether it was the prerogative of one political party over another to discuss alleged corruption and mismanagement of the resources of the states at public platforms such as mos-- The meeting followed a

controversy between the

government and the Isla-

mic Action Front (IAF)

over the questioning of some IAF deputies by the

tion but will not allow acts that could jeopardise the



beyond what is "legally permissible and ethically acceptable" by attacking

Washington on July 25. that the government tolerates constitutional opposi-

stability of the Kingdom. Islamist deputies pledged during their meeting with Prince Hassan to express their opposition to the

peace talks through legal channels, stressing that they will not "exceed constitutional limits. Minister of Justice Hisham Al Tel said the government was concerned with apholding the law, which he said governs the executive authority's dealings with the opposition.
"We dn nnt have red lines," be said, "we have the law to apply."

While saying that "voices of (constructive) opposi-tion are welcome and indeed necessary," Prince Hassan emphasised that the interests of the Kingdom would not gain from attacks on the country's institutions and leadership. "Our national defence

will not he served hy attacks on the country's leadership nr Armed Forces, the very people who are ultimately answerable for the maintenance of the safety, security and advancement of the country," Prince Hassan said. Commenting on the

latest developments on the Jordanian-Israeli track of the peace talks, Prince Hassan stressed that the attainment of peace was a difficult task which requires a great deal of delicate efforts and hard work. "History is replete with

examples of the extent to which work for peace can be far more dangerous and delicate than work for war and the perpetuation of the violence, the hardship and the national impoverishment that war entails," the Crown Prince told the Jordan Times.

public prosecutor for delivering sermons that "barmed" the national unity and the Armed Forces. Sources told the Jordan Times that IAF Deputy Abdul Aziz Jaber went

Jordan and urging disturbances in one of his Friday sermons hefore the Jordanian-Israeli summit in But the sources added that the issue was solved during a meeting between Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Al Hindawi and members of the opposition when Mr. Hindawi stressed

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Mr. Hrawi said.

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Beirut, not Israel to establish

security," Mr. Hrawi said.

Last week be said he would

send 25,000 Lebanese army

soldiers to the south to main

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security in South Lebanon.

Mr. Hrawi said it was up to

"We take care of our own

A weeklong Israeli hlitz last year killed 150 south-

eroers, destroyed thousands

of homes and sent 300,000

BEIRUT (Agencies) Leba-non is defying the United States by refusing to curb the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), which Washington says must be defeated.

In a hard-hitting speech on army day, President Elias Hrawi on Monday called the pro-Iranian group's fight against Israeli occupation in South Lehanon legitimate and said it would continue until Israel promised to with-

Mr. Hrawi angrily accused Israel of holding Lebanon bostage hy falsely accusing it of responsibility fur bombings in which it had no part. He said Israel was also deliberately wrecking South Lebanon to protect its 15kilometre wide occupating

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher last week linked Hizbollah to bloody bombings of Israeli and Jewish centres in Buenos Aires and Londnn and said the group "must be defe-

U.S. Ambassador Mark Hambley watched among the VIP audience as Mr. Hrawi told an army day parade that the Hizbollah-led resistance to Israeli occupatinn is legiti-

He said the resistance which has killed 10 Israeli soldiers this year and injured dozens - would continue unfrom the south.

'Resistance to the occupation is legitimate. It will cease to exist when the occupation is no more. Let Israel announce its withdrawal or let it present a timetable for its withdrawal, then the Lebanese state will pledge to maintain security there (in the south)," Mr. Hrawi said.

He denounced allegations of Lebanese involvement in the Buenos Aires and London hombings as an unacceptable aggression against Lebanon.

"They claim that Lebanon is responsible for any explo-sion that has taken place or will take place in any corner If the world.

"Israel has no right to ac-cuse us falsely of something in which we have no say whatsoever. "This false accusation is in itself an aggressinn. How

long will this insistence on keeping our country hostage for the settlement of problems last?" Mr. Hrawi asked. Lebanon has lived in fear for several days of an Israeli blitz against the south in response tn the Buenos Aires

A government official said the United States will try tn and London bombings. Many villagers have fled their bomes, althnugh persuade Israel against a punitive raid on Lebanon on Lebanese security sources the eve of a new Middle East and residents in the south peace mission by Mr. Christtold Reuters on Monday that opher. most of those who bad left were people who bad come

Ambassadnr Hambley vowed to Foreign Minister

Fares Bouez that his government would try to prevent any Israeli action which could compromise Mr. Christopber's peace efforts, the

official said. people fleeing northwards. Israeli troops and their "There is no hard evidence South Lebanon Army (SLA) to pin the blame on Hizbollah militia allies frequently shell or on any other Iranian-backvillages, towns and cities in ed group based in Lebanon,' the south, regularly killing civilians and destroying their homes, in response to Hizsaid the official, who declined to be named.

"The Americans realise any Israeli military action at "Israel has no right to ruin this time could compromise our land with the pretext of Mr. Christopher's efforts to break the deadlock in the preserving the security of its occupation of our lands." negotiations, namely because they see the possibility of progress on the Syrian-Israeli track," he added. "The road to peace does nnt accept that the security nf

He said the "ball is in Israel's court.

The official also reported that Syria bad vniced concern tn Lebanese leaders nver the possibility of a new flare-up of violence in South

"Damascus bas stressed that any attack on Lebanon would endanger the negotiations." the official said, adding that Mr. Bouez was in permanent contact with his Syrian counterpart Farouk Al

Mr. Christopher was expected to return to the region on Aug. 8 in a renewed effort to break the deadlock in Syria's talks with Israel. He last shuttled between Israel and Syria two weeks agn.

### ings demonstrate "both the unfortunate glubal reach of terrorists" and their willingness to attack "soft" targets, "chosen only because of their

symbolie value." The timing of the attack in Circumstantial evidence links the July 18 bombing of a

Buenos Aires Jewish cultural

centre in which over 100 peo-

ple were killed to the terrorist

group, Hizbollah, according

to the State Department's

lead official on counter ter-

In testimony hefore a

House Foreign Affairs sub-

committee on international

security and human rights,

Barbara Bodine said Monday

the "modus operandi" of the

bombing suggests Hizbollah

committed the bomhings

against the Argentine-Israeli Mntnal Aid Association

(AMIA).

In addition, she said, the apparent bombing July 19 of

a commuter plane outside of Colon. Panama, in which 21

people were killed also could

have been the work of terror-

ists. It was "worth noting"

that a Hizbollah splinter

group, Ansarallah, has made

references to the events in

Argentina and Panama, she

Ms. Bodine, the depart-

ment's coordinator for coun-

ter terrorism, said the bomb-

rorism.

Buenos Aires, she added, occurred "just as prospects for peace in the Middle East are brighter than they have been this century." Bodine assured members of the subcommittee that "the forces opposed to a comprehensive peace in the Middle east will not meet their objective by attacks on civilians literally thnusands of miles away."

A few months ago, she said, the United States "approached governments throughout the region, expressing our concern over the grnwing Hizbullah presence." But the responses from many governments in Latin America, she said, 'have proven inadequate."

The most recent bombing in Buenos Aires and a similar 1992 attack against the Israeli embassy in that city have all the "hallmarks of a Hizbollah operation." Although it ciaimed credit for the 1992 bombing Ms. Bodin said, Hizbollah has denied responsibility for the latest attack. What ocentred at the

AMIA, she said, "is a tragic parallel to the downing of a Pan American flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988. "Just as the Pan Am bomb-

again on veils at schools

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ing demonstrated the callousness and savagery of international terrorism, so too did AMIA.

The Pan Am bombing and similar acts of terrorism in the 1980s, she said, "invigorated many states to combat terrorism through the application of the rule of law and by bringing pressure to bear on those few states that support terrorism.

"I trust that the AMIA bombing and the incidents that have followed it will produce the same consequences for those who undertake such attacks and those governments that belp make such attacks happen."

Six governments, Ma. Bodine said, remain on the State Department's list for supporting terrorism — Iran, Iraq, Syria, Cuba, Libya, and Sndan.

The United States worked with Buenos Aires authorities in attemping to solve the AMIA bombing by sending investigative and forensie specialists to that city. As requested by Argentina, Ms. Bodine said, the U.S. team is now analysing evidence collected in the case. To prevent further acts of

terrorism in Argentina, she said, the U.S. has also provided extensive training

"We had several cases in

which schoolgirls were sev-

erely beaten (by teachers) to

make them wear the veil. We

have reacted very strongly

through the State Department's anti-terrorism training assistance programme. Among the courses offered are post-blast investigation. explosive incident conntermeasures, and a terrorist interdiction seminar

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Argentine Amhassador Raul Granillo Ocampo told the hearing that the AMIA bombing "has been consi-dered the most important terrorist incident in Argentine history and the most serious attack on a Jewish commun-

since World War II." Resides the 104 killed in the blast, he said, 227 people were injured and another 15 are still missing.

ity anywhere in the world

Rejecting criticism that Argentina bas become a baven for anti-Jewish groups, Granillo Ocampo said the country's Jewish community is an "integral part of our nation of immigrants.... Thus, the AMIA bombing aroused deep feelings of sorrow and anger in Argentina." Th show its sorrow, he said. the government proclaimed three days of national mourning.

The bombing, be said, "bas inspired Argentina close ranks once again with its Jewish community."

# UNHCR welcomes Jordan's moves, says more needed

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By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The United Nations Human Rights Committe (UNHRC) has welcomed the progress in the democratisation process in Jordan and the end to many measures which it earlier considered as restrictions on basic freedoms.

A report on the situation of human rights in Jordan was among the issues considered during a July 4-29 session in Geneva along with similar reports from Italy, Cyprus, Togo, Azerbaijan, Slovenia and Burundi, a statement from the U.N. information service said.

Among a concero expressed by the committee was the high number of offences number of death penalties handed down by the court in Jordan.

International Human Rights activists, while expressing understanding of the Jordanian argument that death penalties for murders and nther major crimes involving hrutality are inevitable, particularly given the tribal fabric of the Kingdom, are pushing for a reduction of the number of crime punishable by death as the first step.

The basis for the committee's review is the concerned country's compliance with the Civil and Political Rights Covenant, an international document on human rights. Jordan is a signatory to the

The cummittee's assessment is based on a review of how far the individual countries which are signatory to the document are complying with its provisions. The committee meeting

acknowledged the progress made by Jurdan in various fields of human rights. 'The committee welcomed the democratic process, initi-

ated in 1989, the lifting of the

state of emergency, and the abolition of martial law, the

1935 Defence Act as well as

the release of political prisoners, restoration of withdrawn passports, reinstatement of civil servants who had been dismissed for political reasons, and the institution of the right tn appeal to the supreme court against decisions of the State Security Court," the U.N. statement

The committee also recommended that the "state party continue the legislative review" envisaged by the King-dom's national charter, which was endorsed in 1991, and called for the incorporation of all "substantive provisions in the covenant into domestic

It also called on the government to "ensure that the restrictions imposed under national legislation do not go bevond under the covenant."

The committee noted that the general legal framework was still not in conformity with the provisions of the covenant," it said. "It was concerned that the State Security Court continued to exercise special jurisdiction and that ordinary law can be suspended in emergency situations, contrary to the provisions of article 4 of the covenant which prohibit derogation from some categories of buman rights.

"It expressed regret that despite some improvement. the state party bas not embarked on all the necessary reforms to combat the factors still impeding equality between men and women. The Constitution did not guarantee the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of sex, and there were still gender disparities in law or practice with regard to such issues as status within the family, inheritance rights, the right to leave the country and participatinn in public

"... In spite of the adoption of the new press act, freedom of expression was still restricted through the control exercised by the anthorities over the state radio and television and by measures of harassment against some journalists," the statement

In Azerbaijan, the commit-tee noted, there have been reports of cases of summary execution, enforced or involuntary disappearance, torture and other acts of violence against the person, as well as arbitrary detention. Similar breaches have been reported in Togo, where, the committee noted, failure to exclude violators of human rights from service in the military or the security forces could seriously undermine the transition to democracy.

Regarding Italy, the committee was concerned about case of ill-treatment of persons by police and security forces and length of preven-

committee.

Provisions regarding the death penalty were among the causes of concern in relations to the situation in Cyprus, where domestic law allnws applicatinn of the death penalty to persons between 16 and 18 years of age, in conflict with the provisions of the covenant. The committee was also concerned about cases of ill-treatment of detainees in Cyprus.

In Burundi, the committee deplored the grave and repeated violations of buman rights which occurred following the events of the autumn of 1993. The army, police, gendarmerie and security police continued to be the source of numerous buman rights violations. The committee also deplored the lack of investigations regarding those violations.

# Malaria

ERBIL (AFP) - Malaria is spreading fast in Kurdish-held northern Iraq, striking thousands of people, mainly because of a shurtage of insecticides and too many rice-

According to the Kurdish bealth authorities, 29.000 people caught the fever between March and June, compared to a total of 35,000 for the whole of 1993. The disease bas hit hardest in remote villages.

south of the main Iraqi Kurdish town of Erbil, between 30 and 50 patients report each day to a clinic to receive tablets.

last year.

spraying crops. "For the whole of northern Iraq, we need at least 270

tonnes of the insecticide malathion. We bave received only 20 tonnes," from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), he explained. Another reason for malaria

fruits, are turning increasing-ly to rice and the paddy-fields are a breeding ground for the mosquitoes which spread the disease, Dr. Berzinji added.

Rice has turned into an

attractive crop for farmers because of the U.N. embargo imposed on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait four years ago and because of the Iraqi blockade of the north, ruled by the Kurds in defiance of

### CAIRO (R) — Egypt's Miniatry of Edneation, swayed by a torrent of protest from Muslim conservatives, has had second thoughts about a decree requiring parental permission for girls to wear the veil at school next academie year.

Education Minister Hussein Kamel Bahaeddin was quoted on Tuesday as saying that even if their parents were against it, girls could go to school wearing the hijab, a garment which covers the hair and neck hut not the

> "If the girl's father refuses to let her wear the hijab, we will call him in to try to convince him that his daughter is right, as long as she is convinced," the government newspaper Al Akhbar said he told a grnnp of Muslim preachers.

The opposition newspaper Al Wafd gave a slightly different account of the minister's new position.

vent any girl who wears the veil voluntarily from going to school, even if her guardian objects," it quoted him as saying. "He said the school would simply inform him (the guardian) of the situation," it Ministry officials were not

available on Tuesday to say what would happen if the parents and the girl continued to disagree.

In an interview published on Friday, Mr. Bahaeddin said clearly that girls wishing to wear the veil at school

could do so only if their parents sent the school their written approval. He said the aim was to stop fundamentalist teachers from imposing the veil on school-

girls by force. . . "We have noticed during the past school year that some extremist teachers have imposed the veil on girls in primary schools," he told Al and firmly against such conduct because these acts are educationally prohibited." A committee of Muslim scholars from the Azhar, Egypt's ancient seat of Islamic learning, said the decree was a violation of Islamic law, most versions of which

say women should expose

only their faces and hands in

"To impose a penalty on a Muslim girl who observes God's order in this matter, by depriving her of education and preventing her from going to school...is to punish obedience to God's orders and to encourage disobedi-ence to God Almighty," the Fatwa Committee of the

Azhar said. It recommended the minis-

try reconsider the decree. Opposition newspapers of most persuasions bave also been bostile to the decree. "All Egypt rose up to confront the decree...people felt tbeir heliefs were under threat and that someone was trying to suppress God's law for the sake of a wicked secularism," said the right-wing paper Al Ahrar.

Mr. Bahaeddin told the Muslim preachers on Monday that the aim of the decree was to prevent schoolgirls being swept up "harmful deviant currents trying to give political significance to a religious garment." Muslim militants have

been waging a campaign of violence against the Egyptian security forces for the past two years and more than 400 people have been killed. fallen off since early may and the government says it is win-

### ning the war against them. Egypt, Iran hold secret meetings in

CAIRO (AFP) - Egyptian and Iranian officials have held secret meetings in Damascus since June in a bid to improve relations, an Islamic newspaper here reported Tuesday.

The bi-weekly Al Shaab meeting in Cairo.

guage" was used.

An Iranian economic delegation visited Cairo in July and presented Egyptian offi-cials with a "plan of action" to promote economic cooperation and mutual invest ment, the paper said.

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There is plenty of medicine to treat patients and so there are no deaths, said Dr. Ali Berzinji. But the problem, he said was to try and prevent the disease, primarily by

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# Israeli schools to teach reform, Judaism

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli schools will reverse years of teaching only orthodox Jewish views and start teaching the conservative and reform streams as well, Israel's education minister says. "Orthodox Judaism has no

monopoly on the education system," said Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein. 'Our tradition as a people is to precious to leave up to the orthodox." It was another small dent in the Israeli religious system for the conservative and re-

form streams, which reject orthodox belief that the Bible is God's revealed word. In recent years, Israeli courts have recognised oonorthodox conversions, and bave ordered government funds directed at conserva-

tive and reform institutions. The changes reduce the influence of Israel's rabbinate, which controls sectors of civiban life such as marriage and divnrce. The rabbinate recognises nuly orthodox Jewry, and regards reform and conservative Indaism as apos-

There are relatively few reform and conservative Jews in Israel. But they predominate in American Jewish life.

and Israeli orthodox rejection of the other movements has threatened to undermine American Jewish support for Israel. Mr. Rubinstein said the

decision to teach all streams

that high school students

of Judaism stemmed from the recommendations of a commission investigating wby Israeli youth are increasingly cut off from tradition. Commission chairwoman Aliza Shenhar told reporters that the commission found

the teaching approach too narrow. "Teaching Judaism must reflect the variety, the many faces of Judaism," she said. It should not create an unhistorical Judaism, unilateral with one answer, hnt a Judaism with many questions,

arguments and approaches." The Shenhar commission was appointed three years ago by Mr. Rubinstein's predecessor, Zevulun Hammer, who represented the nrthodox National Religious Party. Mr. Hammer appointed the commission because of drastic drops in attendance at Lewish studies classes. The former director-gener-

al of the education ministry, Zevulun Oriev, said orthodox was not to blame. "The government is to hlame," be said. "This is a

society that is bankrupt." Wedding contract Volunteer archaeologists discovered a Jewish marriage contract dating two centuries

before the time of Christ,

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nowadays, a statement said dropped ont of Jewish studies Monday. classes because they found The seven pieces of cera-mie tile that make up part of the ketuba - a Jewish marriage contract — where unco-vered by American volunteers digging at the site of the Biblical city of Marissa, in central Israel, an Israel antiquities authority statement

> The script is of the type, known as "Square Jewish," used in Israel and throughout the Jewish world today.

> It is the oldest example of the script in the world, the statement said, and its exist-ence suggests that the script's use was consolidated at that

# Damascus'

said four meetings had been held ander Syrian mediation since Egypt's Foreign Minis-ter Amr Musa met his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati on the sidelines of a Non-Aligned Movement Al Shaah also reported

that Mr. Musa and Mr. Velayati bad exebanged several messages since their June meeting, in which "cordial and calm diplomatic lan-

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Mohammad Zakaria, mean of the Egpytian delegation, praised Her Majesty Queen Noor's efforts in the field of development and said the siming programme was of great benefit to the participants. He said the group was impressed by the NHF's rich mourning. experience in the non-selfreliance and grassroots com-

He added that following

the slide presentation on the NHF's projects and programme given by Issam Zawawi, director of the QOL Project and responsible for the training programmes, the delegation visited the Jordanian villages where the QOL is being implemented. The group had a first hand view of NHF's OOL achievements in improving the overall quality of life through its different incomegenerating schemes which inchude home gardens, fruit orchards, goat, cow and poul-try raising, fish ponds, broom and basket making, tricot knitting and sewing, textile

The delegation also witnes-sed how Jordnian women were empowered to become active participants in the development process, informed decision-makers in their homes and communities and trained income earners in

and carpet weaving and bee-

# Brother kills sister in Ajloun -

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A 23-year-old woman Monday was shot and killed hy her hrother in Al Sakhneh area of Ajloun for alleged adultery, according to Civil Defence Department (CDD) and family sources. Fatima M. F. received one bullet to the heart. Her brother (25), identified only as R.M., called police to report he had killed his sister

close relative of the family told the Jordan Times. According to the source, Fatima was raped a year ago by a stranger, became pregnant and had an abor-

and was awaiting arrest. a

The source said the authorities had discovered the illegal abortion, and the woman was ohliged to

"Her brother was accoma panying her to a court hearing on Monday, but the girl was afraid and she jumped from the bus," the source ming of the year.

He said the hrother canght up with his sister, took her home and decided to "kill her and finish the

Another family member claimed that the young woman was mentally ill, and that someone had sexually abused her.

"Her hrother felt that he had to kill her to cleanse his family's honour," he said. He said that Fatima and her brother were the only syblings of their family, adding that there were no

family problems. Ailoun Prosecutor General Znhair Rosan, who is investigating the incident could not be reached Monday for immediate comment

Ailoun police confirmed the killing and said that the, brother was in police custody pending further inves-

Fatima is the 13th woman reported killed in a "crime of honour since the begin-

# meetingsi VTC to register Damascus 5,000 trainees

AMMAN (Petra) — The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) plans to register, 5,000 new trainees at its centres this year, an increase mie newspaper here rese of 10 per cent over last year, according to VTC Director

General Ahmad Atwan. Dr. Atwan urged high school graduates to join the VTC centres and learn trades, noting the registration of new trainees has already started in various governo-

The VTC offers training programmes that cater to the needs of the labour market in various trades and has recently included bakery and hotel management, sales, anth spare parts servicing, dress making, carpet production, hair dressing and cosmetolo-

In its drive to meet local market needs, the VTC is now considering training in meat-selling and butchery work, metal casting and some technology-related trades, Dr. Atwan added.

To help university graduates find jobs, the VTC has opened short-term training courses for them as well, he

The VTC has been offering newly-graduated engineers special training courses to enable them to find jobs, and this year VTC's centres have trained 231 engineers specialising in electronic, electrical and mechanical fields, said Dr. Atwan.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

### JERASH FESTIVAL

Concert by Umaya Folkloric Group at the South Theatre

Concert by the Armenian Al Jeel Al Jadeed Society of Culture at Artemis Theatre at 20:30.

Children's play: "Long Live the Dead Sea" at the Sound

Concert by Yarmouk University for Arabic Music and the Kasiike University Choir at the Sound and Light

Music and Plastic Art Dialogue at the Garasia Theatre at

### EXHIBITIONS

Jordan Industries Expo at the International Motor-Exhibition (Tel. 653854).

Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Utheina (Tel. 826932).

'Exhibition of Arabic calligraphy at the Royal Cultural

Exhibition entitled "Arab Artists in France" at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jabai Luweibdeh, off Al Muntazah Circle (Tel. 630128).

# Japan to loan Kingdom \$131m to expand Aqaba power station, improve energy sector

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan is getting \$131 million in fresh concessional credit from the Japanese government to help expand and im-prove the Kingdom's energy sector, it was announced bere Tuesday.

Planning Minister Hisham Al Khatih and Japanese Charge d'Affaires Hajime Tanaki formalised the documents related to the credit, which comes in the form of two loans one for \$47.2 million (4,745 million Japanesse yen for the expansion of the Agaba Thermal Power Station and another for \$83.6 million 8,393 million yen) for reforming the energy sector.

Both loans carry an annual interest of three per cent and are repayable in 30 years, including 10 years of grace, the Japanese embassy said.

Japan is one of Jordan's strong supporters and an ardent backer of the 33mnnth-old Arah-Israeli peace process. Japan, which plays a key role in the multilateral phase of the peace process, was one

of the first countries to hail the Washington summit on July 25 between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and the two leaders' declaration of an end to the 46-year state nf war between Jordan and Israel.

"The gnvernment of Japan hopes that these loans will contribute to Jordan's economic development and stability, which are essential to peace and stability in the region," the Japanese embassy here said in a press release. Tokyo, "heartily welcoming the signing of the Washington Declaration and extending appreciation to the efforts by the negotiators, will continue to offer strong support to Jordan, which is making utmost efforts and great contribution in bringing about a lasting and

comprehensive peace in the Middle East," it added. With the fresh credits, the total amount of Japanese loans to Jordan rose to \$1.8 billion.

The loan for the Aqaba power project was agreed to during a visit Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali paid to Tokyo in De-

May when Japanese Foreign Minister Koji Kakizawa visited Jordan.

The agreement signed on Tuesday covers the financial requirements nntil March 1996 for building the turbine and boiler islands at the Aqaba power plant as part of raising its installed capacity to 260 mega-watts to meet the rising demand for power in the Kingdom by the year 1997.

The \$83.6 million loan is extended hy Japan to match a similar credit from the World Bank and agreed to in February 1993 during a dnnors conference in Paris. The loans will be used to reform and increase the efficiency of Jordan's energy sector in general, and help the Kingdom achieve a better balance of payments situation.

The loans are expected to be disbursed quickly in view of Jordan's need to adjust its balance of pay-ments. The Japanese loan is contingent on a World Bank certification that the Kingdom is abiding by the terms of the energy sector adjustment programme.



Minister of Planning Hisham Khatib and ment for a \$131 million loan to Jordan Japan's Charge d'Affaires in Amman from the government of Japan (Petra Hajime Tanaki Tuesday sign an agree- photo)

However, the release of the Japanese loan in three tranches will be parallel to the release of the World Bank credit to the King-

During his May visit, Mr. Kakizawa also signed an agreement under which the Kingdom would get \$4 milhon Japanese grant to help

it expand food production. The grant came after the per capita income of Jordan dipped helow the 'threshold that deter-

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mines" eligibility for Japanese aid, an official Japanese spokesman said. noting that until now the

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REPRESENTING JORDAN: Secretary prior to its departure to Damascus for a 12-day er Al Masri, who is also the secretary general role in representing Jordan in all circles and at of the Jordanian Scouts and Girl-Guides Socie- all occasions and called upon them to adhere to ty, Tuesday meets with a scout and girl-guide the principles, duties, and aspirations of the delegation headed by Mahmoud Khreisat scout movement (Petra photo)

# U.S. agrees to sell grain, dried milk to Jordan

government has given its consent to sell Jordan consignments of grain and dried milk under the Export Encouragement Programme (EEP), which offers Jordan favourable trading terms, according to Ministry of Supply Secret-ary General Mustafa Khleifat Tucsday.

By Angham Tamimi

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Extending a

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Lebanese poet Talal Haid-er addressed his listeners:

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In addition, poets invited to the festival were not

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Under the EEP terms, Jordan is entitled to pay up to \$50 less for each tonne of

than the current world prices, said Mr. Khleifat, who has just returned from a visit to the United States at the head of a ministry delegation. Discussions with officials at

the U.S. Department of Agriculture were very posi-tive and led to a U.S. government consent to sell Jor-dan 600,000 tonnes of wheat and 500,000 tonnes of harley, as well as 100,000 tonnes of The poetry of Talal Haider

American rice under EEP terms, Mr. Khleifat told the Jordan Times.

He said that the supply ministry will soon announce tenders for the purchase of

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, qnoted Mr. Khleifat as saying that 50 per cent of the rice consignment would be arriving between August and December and the rest in the first five months of 1995.

### AMMAN (Petra) - Because of increased pressure on Al Bashir Government Hospital facilities. usually established by the

to be expanded, says minister

in Amman, the Health Ministry is converting several primary health care centres into comprehensive care centres, providing semi-hospital services in various regions, according to Minister of Health Aref Batayneh. The increased demand for

services at Al Bashir Hospital, the only government hospital in Amman, has required the referral of many patients to private hospitals in the capital, said the minister. Al Bashir Hospital has

been enlarged to its limits, the minister said; any future expansion, he said, could only take place on extra land beyond the hospital's perimetre. Dr. Batayneh said the

ministry has prepared designs for the establishment of the Prince Hamzeh Hospital in the Amman area, but the



Aref Batayneh

project's execution depends on collecting sufficient funds, estimated at JD 12 million. Referring to private hospit-

als, the minister said the health ministry had adopted a fee schedule for treatment and hospitalisation services as well as surgeries.

But he added that the ministry set up a special com-

mittee to study the benefits of cancelling set fees and allowing hospitals to compete. Dr. Batavneh said competition would certainly lead to a decrease in charges and better Doctors' fees, he said, are

Jordan Medical Association (JMA), but the ministry is urging the JMA to set up a special committee to examine the current fee index. Dr. Batayneh added that

the ministry was now forming a committee to examine public complaints about private and public hospitals, and private clinics and pharmacies. Referring to the health

ministry's central laboratories which examine imported and locally-made drugs, the minister said that 97% of all medicines are being tested there, hut soon all types of medicine will be tested after completion of an expansion project.

## **Private school teachers learn** to detect dyslexic students

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Thirty seven private school teachers began seven-day workshop entitled "success for all" that aims at helping teachers to detect dyslexia among school

children. Dyslexia is difficulty in reading. writing and mathematics, caused by a condition of the brain.

We felt that students (with unrecognised dyslexia) are sometimes being blamed for failing in their classes or not concentrating in class nr disrupting it," said Abla Zuraikat, the general secretary of the Private School Council, which nrganised the

workshop. She told the Jurdan Times that many students suffer from dyslexia hut they are not detected by teachers, and the council felt that there is a need to invite specialists to educate teachers on the symptoms and how to detect them in their students since Jordan lacks experts in this

She added that students with dyslexia will be sent to specialised centres in Jordan for further help adding that this is the first workshop of its kind in the Kingdom. "This workshop is de-

signed to gather teachers from several schools to sit together and exchange experiences and observations regarding their students,' Ms. Zuraikat explained. She said the workshop also

mtends to encourage creative

teachers and listen to their problems and suggestions. The workshop will strive to improve teachers' awareness at private schools to enable them to cope with the latest educational methods," Ms. Zuraikat said.

Teachers from 15 private schools are being instructed by Gertrude M. Wehh, presient of the Webh International Centre for Dyslexia, in Waltham, Massachusetts in



Gertrade M. Webb, president of Webb International Center for Dyslexia, Inc. Tuesday conducts a workshop for private school teachers on detecting dyslexia in school students (Photo by Rana Husseini)

The schools include Al Ahilyeh School for Girls (CMS); New English School. Amman National School; the Amman Bacealaureate School; Al Mashrek International School; Al Bayan Sehnnl; Al Manhal; De La Salee College; National Orthodox Sehnol; Abdul Hamid Sharaf School; Al Ma'aref Cnllege; Prince Hamzeh School; Al Maw'el, Modern Educational Schools as well as schools run hy the United Nations Relief and Wnrks Agency (UNRWA).

Dyslexia children cannot

the U.S.

learn to decode letters and sometimes numbers and as a result the words cannot make sense to them and "we try to help them find other ways to learn the words and sounds, said Dr. Wehh.

She said dyslexia affects no particular age group and "the way to detect it in a child is when his/her language does not come in properly, or the child does not pay attention during class period or tries to avoid reading when asked to do so.

According to Dr. Wehh, there is no cure for dyslexia hut specialists use "multisensory methods that appeal to the sound-image-touch and the muscles all together to stabilise the letters." takes time and learning and patience from both students and teachers," she added.

"What I am trying to do is make all nf us see that each student who suffers a delect has strengths, although he/she has priblines." Dr. she has problimes. Wehh said

"We want to find these strengths and help the children see how they can use them so that they can fee! worthwhile and function effectively in school or at

home," she added.

Dr. Wehh, whn has been running her centre for more than 53 years, said that by using the necessary strategies, children with such disabilities can learn that, "instead of hating school, they will find it a place where they can grow and learn and contribute to the society."

"People like Thomas Edison, (Albert) Einstein and Winston Churchill, all had trouble learning to read in school, but their creative minds made an impact on our lives," Dr. Wehh commented.

Fatmeh Toghoj, a teacher at the Prince Hamzeh School said she had already learned new methods and information that should help her detect dyslexic students.

"We have learned the goiden rule (in the first day of the workshop) which is to find the strength in the characteristics of the students and find the positive sides to help them," Ms. Toghoj said.

and Light Theatre at 19:06 p.m.

Theatre at 21:30.

Ceramic exhibition by artist Haidar Ra'ouf at the Royal Cultural Centre.

Exhibition entitled "Environmental Technologies: A Travelling Information Centre" at the American Center.

"A one-painting exhibition" (about 15-metre long which took two years to complete) by Marwan Al Allan at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art (Tel. 695291).

renown. The great poets invited either did not show up, like Lebanon's Adonis, or came but did not recite, like Iraqi Sa'di Yousef. And Iraqi poet Abdul Raz-zaq Abdul Wahid, who won the Saddam Prize for Poetry in 1988, was not

the festival included young and unknown poets, who had litle field-experience. This was the main reason bebind the failure of this part of the festival programme. The result was nearly no audiences were seen at the theatre, the poetry presented was of a low level, and sometimes it could not even be considered poetry.

the exception at Jerash

But there is always an exception. Talal Haidar, 56, offered his audience real poetry nn the final night of poets re-

Mr. Haider, having only two collections: "It's The Time" (1970) and "Age Seller" (1990), began with a colloquial love poem, the one which was many years ago sung by Fairuz, the internationally renown Lebanese vocalist.

front of Fairuz' voice," the poet told the audience. With simple words full of meaning, the audience was taken back to the age of romance, and simple life, away from the civilised complicated age. Mr. Haider impressed the audience with beautiful words and

amazing descriptions of the

"Poetry disappears in

veyed.
While reciting, Talal
Haider was revealing all his
senses as if living the ex-

perience of each poem at the moment. Mr. Haider's poems can be described as simple, not vague or complicated. He offered meanings without asking the audience to dive deep inside his symbolic pictures to find them....as

modern poets usually do. The poet pictured the concepts of love, nostalgia, country, land, nature, man, and poverty with melodic tones that forced the audience to keep listening and to applaud whenever they felt touched with his pic-

With his poetry, Mr. Haider was as deep as the sea. He pictured human issues, noble issues of great importance to all of us....to our lives. When he concluded, he

descended from the stage

to find himself surrounded

by the audience who were

applauding and trying to shake hands. While exiting the theatre someone said: "It's the first time I like hlank verse;" another said "Tnnight, I have heard poetry.'

# Haiti's military rulers brace for possible U.S.-led invasion

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Haiti's military rulers braced for a possible American-led invasion but the Caribbean nation was calm before the theatened storm.

The United States, in a move escalating the effects of the trade embargo Washington hopes will convince the military leaders to leave voluntarily, said late Monday it would station troops at the Dominican border to stop the flow of illegal fuel entering

Responding to a U.N. vote Sunday that approved a U.S.led invasion force, Provisional President Emile Jonassaint declared a state of siege.

In a pre-dawn decree read over state-run television and radio Monday, Mr. Jonas-saint, 81, called the vote a violation of international rights. He said his country, which U.S. troops occupied for almost two decades after moving in to quell violence in 1915, would never surrender.

Television screened footage of Hainan army man-

Mr. Jonassaint and members of his de facto government, who seized power from democratically-elected President Jean Bertrand Aristide in a bloody 1991 coup, did not say what measures they

Bnt radio stations said that under the declaration all con-

COLOMBO (R) — At least

Two other rebels were

seriously wounded and left

behind by the small rebel

group after the hour-long

growth and progress in

booming Asia, where 30 per

cent of world HIV cases are

projected to be found by

2000, speakers at an Asian

sponsored meeting said

They said a large commer-

cial sex industry and in-

travenous drug use were

hastening the spread of the

disease in the region, known

as the world's engine of

Although the severity of

the threat of AIDS varies

from country to country, the

disease is bound to have se-

rious economic and social

"The HIV epidemic is the

enemy of 'Asian promise'," ADB Vice-President Peter

Sullivan said at the start of a

meeting of the ADB and the

U.N. Development Program-

me (UNDP) on the economic

progress that has been made

over the past two decades

and endangers economic

growth in countries that have

introduced growth-

enhancing, economy-wide re-forms only recently," he said.

"It threatens much of the

implications of HIV/AIDS.

costs, they said.

growth.

MANILA (R) — The AIDS ported only in the mid-1980s but by 1991 over one million

three Tamil rebels and one

pended and civil power is transferred to the unlitary. Meetings can be dispersed. newspapers, radio and TV stations closed, searches carried out without warrants and

a curfew imposed. The U.N. Security Council voted 12-0 Sunday to approve a resolution giving the United States a green light to lead an invasion of Haiti to remove the military leaders who. ousted the populist former Priest months after be won a andslide presidential elec-

Many U.S. officials have argued for delaying any intervention to give trade sanc-tions — imposed by the Un-ited States and the United Nations to put pressure on the country's military rulers time to work.

U.S. emhassy spokesman Stanley Schrager told Reuters that Washington expected to sign an agreem-ment with the Dominican Republic within days allowing about 90 U.S., Dominican and other soldiers to seal the border with Haiti. The move would stop fuel which has poured across the border. American officials have re-

peatedly said an invasion is not "imminent" but President Clinton has refused to rule out military action.
Almost 2,000 U.S. Marines

are stationed on ships north of Haiti and hundreds more have been practicing invasion

3 rebels, 1 airman killed in Sri Lanka

fight at Pallaly Airport in the

Tamil-rebel controlled penin-

Although many Haitians were jolted by the news of the vote and state of siege, the nation remained outwardly normal.

Streets were calm near the presidential palace, where there was an increased show of security. Prices of fuel and other essential commodities. which have tripled since a trade embargo slapped on Haiti in May and June, showed no dramatic rise in the bustling street markets of Port-Au-Prince on news of the state of siege.

In the countryside, where remote villages are further isolated by the lack of newspapers or radio, many who heard the news Monday greeted it with fatalism.

In the northwest town of Gonaives, a bedrock of support for Mr. Aristide, voodoo drums rang out in the predawn hours after Mr. Jonassaint's address to the nation. One Hairian suggested they were ceremonies to hurry the departure of the military rulers but it was impossible to tell the reason for the cere-

An 80-year-old woman, rising just after sunrise for the long day's work, gave a common response to troubled times, saying "whatever happens is God's will." Since sweeping economic sanctions were imposed in May and June, trade between Haiti and the rest of the world has ground to a balt. On Saturday, the country's last commercial air links were cut when Air France fell in line with the air embargo.

Two of three Central American nations Monday openly backed the U.N. Security Council decision allowing a U.S. invasion of Haiti, hut said sanctions should be given more time to

"We support the United Nations' decision, although I think we must continue exhausting the search for a peaceful solution to Haiti's crisis," Costa Rican President Jose Maria Figueres told

reporters.

He said that if those efforts fail to force Haiti's military rulers into resigning and allowing ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to return to poweer, an invasion

"If there is no other path, or no way out, we will sup-port the U.N. resolution," Mr. Figueres said.

In Honduras, Foreign Minister Ernesto Paz said the government was considering whether or not to offer troops to either an invasion force or a multinational peacekeeping force that would be deployed once Haiti's army chiefs

### Blast the attackers were found by rocks U.S. Navy ordnance

The blast, which occured about 10:45 p.m. edt (0245 GMT Tnesday), was contained in a single building, the base spokeswoman, Jennifer McGraw, said Area firefighters offered their services, hnt base personnel were able to cope by them-

"We're not talking large explosive shells here," Navy Commander Stephen Pietropaoli said hy telephone. He said the aftermath of the hlast was "more a question of a smoulder than a real fire."

# N. Korea warns South not to meddle in U.S. talks on nuclear dispute

TOKYO (R) — A North Korean delegation left Tues-day for Geneva to resume talks with U.S. envoys on the nuclear dispute, with Pyongyang warning bitter rival South Korea not to meddle at this "decisive" stage of the dialogue.

The North's official Ko-rean Central News Agency (KCNA), monittored in Tokyo, announced the departure of the diplomatic team, headed hy Vice Foreign Minister Kang Sok-Jn.
The two sides are due to

meet Friday for the first time since July 8, when the dialogue was interrupted following the death of North Korean President Kirn Il-Sung. The talks are aimed at re-

solving the confrontation over Pyongyang's suspected nuclear weapons programme. The secretive North denies it has any military nuclear ambitions hut has so far re-fused U.N. inspectors full ac-cess to its nuclear sites. As Mr. Kang flew out, the

official daily Rodong Sinmun urged joint efforts to ensure progress in the bilateral talks based on the principles of mntual trust and equality.

As reported by KCNA, the

Communist Party organ gave a clear warning to the South Korean authorities not to in-

"Declaring that it is a consistent position of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of (North) Korea (DPRK) to resolve the nuclear issue peacefully through dialogue and negotiation, the analyst says:

"'If a third party's unreasonable demand were raised at the talks, it would result in laying an artificial hurdle in the solution of the nuclear issue.

Rodong Sinmun was echoing a bardline statement issued last week by the North Korean Foreign Ministry.

A ministry spokesman said on July 25: "It is clear that if the improvement of North-Sonth relations is set as a precondition for the improvement of the DPRK-U.S. relations at the DPRK-U.S. talks for the solution to the nuclear issue, a fatal roadblock would be erected in the way of the solution to the nuclear

North Korea, which dismisses the Seoul government as a U.S. puppet, has always sought to deal directly with Washington, the guarantor of South Korean security.

Just as consistently Seoul
has insisted that improve-

ment of North Korean-U.S. relations must go hand in hand with better North-South Rodong Simmun said Tues-

day that a fundamental solntion to the nuclear issue was unthinkable without trust between North Korea and the United States. "The nuclear issue in the

Korean peninsula is, both nominally and virtually, a matter of the DPRK-U.S. relations and a bilateral issue of political nature which must be solved through DPRK-U.S. dialogue," it said.

The newspaper said Pyon-gyang stood behind its earlier proposal for a package solu-tion to the nuclear issue.

Such a package would include an agreement to freeze operation of its experimental graphite atomic reactor and reprocessing plant, capable of producing weapons-grade

In exchange, Washington would provide the North with a safer light water reactor. It would also extend full .S. recognition to the Stalinist state, with which

Washington and Seoul are

still technically at war more

than 40 years after the 1950-

N. Korea 'ready for summit'
with South

53 Korean conflict.

SEOUL (AFP) - Kim II-Sung's successors still want a summit with South Korea, CNN reported from Pyongyang Tuesday, hut analysts here said stinging insults carried by the North's official media made an early meeting unlikely.
In the telecast, Cable News

Network correspondent Mike Chinoy — the first Western ionrnalist to enter North Korea since Kim II-Sung died July 8 — said officials had told him "they want talks with South Korea."

"The ill will across the demilitarised zone has raised serious doubts about the prospect for any North-South summit, but North Korean officials tell CNN they want talks with South Korea, that Pyongyang's position now is the same as when Kim Il-Sung was alive," Mr. Chinoy said in the hroadcast monitored bere.

The summit — between 82-year-old Stalinist Kim II-Sung and his southern counterpart dissident-turned-President Kim Young-Sam was to have taken place in Pyongyang on July 25-27, less than three weeks before Kim Il-Sung's death.

### Spirit of Woodstock flagging 25 years later

NEW YORK (AFP) - The

spirit of Woodstock is flagging 25 years after the legendary rock concert that symbolised the Love Generation; One anniversary event has been cancelled and another is struggling for a bigger audience. Promoters scrapped plans Monday for a commemorative concert sche-duled to be held Aug. 13-14 on the Bethel, New York farm where the original Woodstock drew 400,000 rain-resistant fans. They had hoped to attract 50,000 people paying nearly \$95 for two days of music by Woodstock veterans such as Richie Havens, Melanie, Sha Na Na and Canned Heat. But only 1,650 tickets were sold. "We had every reason to believe that there was substantial consumer interest in Bethel '94," said Harry Rhulen of the promoters Shea Entertainment. "However, the apparent interest did not materialise to support a multi-million dollar expenditure," he said. Ticket holders will be refunded and Rhulen, an insurance executive, says he stands to lose \$2 million. Sales were also slower than expected for the larger Woodstock '94 concert being staged the same weekend in Saugerties, New York, by the promoters of the original event and PolyGram Diversified Entertainment. Some 250,000 tickets were available at \$135 apiece, but fewer than 150,000 had been snapped up by Monday when sales were supposed to have been cut off, a PolyGram spokesman said. Sales have been extended for at least another 10 days and fans no longer have to buy in hlocks of four with one parking pass. They can now buy two tickets with a parking pass.

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### Driver, 94, tries going against the flow

WELLINGTON (R) — A 94-year-old woman drove six kilometres down the wrong side of one of New Zealand's busiest highways Tuesday .. without realising anything was amiss, police said. The woman headed south in pouring rain on the busy northbound carriageway of the Wellington Motorway, oblivious to the cars swerving out 4 of her way. "An ambulance heading north saw her weaving towards them. They stopped and put on their emergency lights and, fortunately for them, she stopped a police spokesman

now so packed with climbers who have nowhere to go. "There is no drainage up there. Human waste stays around for a long time. That leads to infection, including dysentery," Charles Clarke, medical adviser to the British Monntaineering Council, told The Guardian newspaper. Thousands use the Nepalese and Tibetan base camps every year, posing bygiene problems for anthorities who are coming to Britain later this month for talks

SACRAMENTO, California (AFP) - Lawmakers in California have done away with some of the vestiges of the old west by scrapping provisions from its books restricting where "Wanted: Dead or Alive" posters can be hung and the movement of donkeys and horses. The provisions, that date back to 1872 when California was part of the old west instead of the left coast, were scrapped from the state code last week in a bid to address concerns by constituents that laws were too "complicated", officials said. Under the new streamlined code, winners of the famed pistol duels will no longer be required to compensate the loser's spouse. The changes, which take effect on Jan. 1, also do away with restrictions for displaying "Wanted: Dead Or Alive" posters and for allow

### It was the first time the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas bad penetrated the large hase in Jaffna, 320 kilometres north of the Sri Lankan capital Colombia. sula, the sources said. The airman were killed and a heliwounded rebels were taken copter set ablaze in a rebel to a military hospital. attack on a major military airport in Sri Lanka's north-Two airmen were also em Jaffna peninsula early Tuesday, military sources wounded. The sources said the con-

trol tower at the airport was secure and in the hands of government forces.

The sources said rebel weapons and radios used by

cases of infection with the

AIDS-causing buman

immune-deficiency virus

(HIV) were estimated to

have already occurred, ADB

a paper.

He said that, while there was wide disparity between estimates and actual num-

bers, a clear trend showed

the epidemic was moving

steadily towards developing countries, particularly those

Mr. Thant said two million

of the total 14 million HIV cases in the world were from South and South East Asia,

adding that the situation was

likely to become even more

Organisation (WHO) esti-

mates that 10 million, or 30 per cent, of the 30 million to

40 million HIV cases worl-

dwide by year 2000 might be

India and Thailand, Mr.

Thant said, had fewer than

1,000 HIV cases in 1987. By

1993, the infections were esti-

mated to have grown to at

least one million cases in

India and half a million in

The HIV/AIDS epidemic

He cited World Health

severe in the future.

from Asia alone.

in Asia.

The base is the military's biggest installation in the Jaffna peninsula and a sizable number of soldiers and air-

troops after the attack.

men are based there.

AIDS epidemic threatening 'Asian promise' development, Mr. Thant He said while not all tourism was sex-oriented, Asia would need to re-examine attitudes towards implicitly

> This particularly applies to countries that are just beginning to rely on tourism as a quick solution to carning

using the sex industry as a

foreign exchange.

Bhaichand Patel, UNDP officer-in-charge in the Philippines, said HIV/AIDS, more than a public-health problem, was a major factor in a country's socio-economic

Citing a World Bank report, be said many of those who fell ill and eventually died of AIDS in developing countries were from the economically active and produc-

tive group in society.
Officials said although prevention could be costly for most of the developing countries, it was far cheaper to invest in preventive activities than hattling widespread AIDS.

"For most Asian countries, the insurance premium on the AIDS epidemic when compared to the costs and strains imposed on the nation state is the lesser of two evils," Mr. Thant said.

# centre

WASHINGTON (R) - An explosion rocked the head-quarters of the U.S. naval ordnance centre 40 kilometres south of Washington on the Potomac River late Monday night, officials

There were no reported injuries at the base in Indian Head, Maryland, wbich houses navy weapons and ammunition.

"We have offers from the local fire department to come in and help, and we do not need it," Ms. McGraw said. A navy spokesman at the Pentagon said the explosion involved conventional "cartridge-activated devices" such as those that propel a pilot's ejection seat from a

The Sheriff's Department of Charles Connty, where the wezpons centre is located, said there had been no need to evacuate anyone and that no injuries were reported.

LOS ANGELES (R) — The family of Michael Jackson remained silent Tuesday on

the announcement by the only daughter of Elvis Pre-sley that she and the pop superstar had married in a

secret ceremony 11 weeks

ago.
Jackson's spokesman, Lee
Solters, refused to comment

and John McLaughlin, the

Jackson family spokesman,

said the family had no com-ment on Lisa Marie's disclo-

Lisa Marie's mother, Pris-

cilla Presley, who divorced the "king of rock 'n' roll"

several years before his death

20 years ago, said through

ber spokesman she was

very supportive of Lisa

Marie and everything she

Real estate mogul Donald Trump, the landlord of the

newlyweds at his luxurious

Trump Tower in New York,

told reporters be had known

### Mitchell to unveil health bill for Senate and ambitious social reforms WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. of the century. With that in mind, both Senate majority leader George Mitchell announces a

health care proposal Tuesday designed to cover at least 95 per cent of Americans shortly after the turn of the century. Sen. Mitchell, who turned down a seat on the U.S.

Supreme Court in order to shepberd bealth seform through Congress, has made public broad outlines of the plan. They include his prior-ity of swiftly subsidising uninsured children and pregnant women and his goal of including long-term home care drug coverage for the elderly. He relies on a series of voluntary measures, subsidies, tax incentives and changes in insurance regulations to make insurance more affordable and more ac-

As a fallback device, a controversial requirement that businesses pay half their workers' insurance costs could go into effect in the year 2002.

Sen. Mithcell has been a solid ally of President Bill Clinton's goal of universal coverage, but be had to opt for a more gradual, more market-oriented approach to try to win over more conservative members of his Democratic Party.

Sen. Mitchell's announcement represents the final scene in the long prelude to the bealth care debate. Next week, the House and the Senate are finally set to start debate on some of the most complex sides stepped up their cam-

For instance, Tipper Gore planned to serve Danish pastry at sunrise Tuesday at the vice president's residence to activists from the cross-comtry bus tour meant to drum up grass-roots support for health care reform.

And first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was to attend a noontime rally at Capitol Hill with like-minded lawmakers pushing for reforms that would insure all Americans.

But the Republicans also geared up, returning attacks on bills that they argue will engorge the deficit, wipe out jobs and limit Americans' choices about their medical

"You're talking about the lives and deaths of 265 million Americans. You're talking about 14 per cent of the economy. You're talking about doctors and hospitals and research and in the capital of the United States this bill is being decided on the most narrowly partisan of reasons," House Republican whip Newt Gingrich of Geor-gia said on a televised forum sponsored Monday night by the Republican National

Committee and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "This is the worst possible way to do health care," he said, adding that if the Democrats voted their true feelings instead of their party loyalties, they would find the Republican alternatives 'widely acceptable."
Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon, appearing on the same programme, said the Democrats feared biparti-

"They feel if they cannot pass a Democratic bill, it's a slap in the face to the Democrats and that (it would show) the president cannot lead,"

Sen. Packwood said. Like the president, Sen. Mitchell wants to cover a minimum of 95 per cent of the population. In the year 2000, a commission would evaluate, insurance coverage rates and would make recommendations if necessary on how to expand coverage above 95 per cent.

A mandate could kick in on Jan. 1, 2002, unless law-makers chose another mechanism for universal coverage.

President Clinton, battling sagging polls and public lethargy, carried his health care reform campaign into the industrial northeast Monday as Congress neared a decisive moment on his top domestic priority. Speaking at a rally in a

New Jersey park overlooking the Statue of Liberty, Mr. Clinton said the issue was "whether America at long last will join the ranks of all the other industrialised nations of the world" and provide health care for all its

### Treasury aide heads into Whitewater storm

puty Treasury Secretary Roger Altman heads for a storm as he seeks to defend his role in the Whitewater affair.

before the Senate Banking Committee, where both Republicans and Democrats Monday displayed anger over Whitewater contacts between Treasury and White House officials and testimony Mr. Altman gave to the panel in February.

testimony.

In a warmup for Mr. Alt-

Ms. Hanson said she had acted properly in discussing at two meetings with White House aides last fall the Resolution Trust Corporation's (RTC) referral of an investigation into an Arkansas savings and loan to the Justice Department for a possible

President Bill Clinton and a regulator of troubled sav-ings and loan institutions.

Mr. Altman and Ms. Han-

The Clintons were partners with the head of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, James McDougal and his wife, in the money-losing Whitewater Vacation Development Project in Arkan-

Madison Guaranty later collapsed. Questions have been raised as to whether federally insured funds went to the Whitewater investment or to retire a Clinton cam-

case last September.
Ms. Hanson testified that

wrong or incomplete. Mr. Altman did not men-

tion the earlier meetings on Whitewater, nor his February discussion with Mr. Nussbaum on separating himself from the affair. tors, she said she had been

could not get a transcript of the bearing to check what bad been said. Ms. Hanson also helped prepare Mr. Altman for the hearing by laying out in a working document a series of

Massachusetts Democrat John Kerry said he was "dumbstruck" by the document because she had written questions and answers "so incorrect, so contradictory' that it was as if she were "taking a fall for Altman."

Presley-Jackson. My mar-riage to Michael Jackson took place in a private cere-mony outside the United States 11 weeks ago. "It was not formally

announced until now for several reasons, foremost heing that we are both very private: people living in the glare of the public media. We both wanted a private marriage ceremony without the distraction of a media

"1 am very much in love with Michael. 1 dedicate my life to being his wife. I understand and support him, we both look forward to raising a family and living happy, healthy life together, "We hope our friends and

fans will understand and respect our privacy," The wedding unites two of the richest people in show Lisa Marie's assets from

her father's will are estimated to be \$150 million, while ber new husband is believed to be worth in excess of \$250 mil-

The couple had their first date on Feb. 2 when they went to Las Vegus together to watch a show by the 60's groups The Temptations and the Fifth Dimension, accord-Presley, said, "my married name is Mrs. Lisa Marie

ing to news reports.

At the time, Lisa Marie was estranged from her hushand, musician Danny Keough, with whom she has two children. The couple re-

May 6. Dominican Judge Hugo Alvarez Perez, who announced last month that he had officiated at the marriage of Jackson and Lisa Marie, said they were married in a hrief ceremony, complete with a wedding kiss and gold

Judge Alvarez Perez' announcement in mid-July was initially greeted with skeepticism by the world's

"It was a normal ceremony, more or less lasting 12 minutes," the judge told WSVN-TV in the Miami suburb of Hialeah Monday, "He was a little nervous," the judge said, referring to Jackson, whom be said presented Presley with a "very mice

lyweds exchanged "a little kiss" before being whisked away by bodyguards. Judge

Families quiet on Presley-Jackson marriage for personal business and to

tape a programme.

Judge Alvarez Perez said previously that the couple signed affidavits stating that they were single and free to Judge Alvarez Perez, a civil court judge in La Vega, northwest of Santo Domingo,

earlier produced a copy of the swor statement signed by Jackson and Presley. Over the past year, Jack-son, 35, has been embroiled in legal troubles. A 13-yearold boy alleged in a civil lawsuit that the entertainer had sexually molested him over a period of four months. Jackson denied the charges bnt settled the lawsuit out of court in January for a sum

reported to be between \$5 million and \$20 million. Police bave launched an investigation to see if Jackson should be tried on criminal sexual molestation charges. Evidence was presented to two grand juries in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties where the singer maintains homes where the boy alleged the sex acts took

No announcement has been made on the grand juries deliberations.

U.K. bids to build toilet on roof of the world LONDON (R) — A British firm hopes to build a toilet on the roof of the world as the slopes of Mount Everest are

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WASHINGTON (R) - De-Mr. Altman will appear

He later wrote four successive letters to the committee correcting and amplifying bis

man's appearance, the committee Monday grilled the Treasury's top lawyer, Jean Hanson, late into the night about her meetings with White House officials on Whitewater and her part in Mr. Altman's February testi-

criminal probe.
The referral mentioned First Lady Hillary as potential witnesses. Mr. Altman was then acting head of the RTC,

son, the treasury's general counsel, had a further meeting on the case with White House aides last Feb. 2. The meetings were part of more than a score of White House-Treasnry contacts about Whitewater.

paign debt.
Ms. Hanson said Mr. Altman "tasked" ber to alert then White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum to the criminal referral of the Madison

she sat at the Feh. 24 Senate Banking Committee hearing without getting Mr. Altman to correct his testimony, although she knew it was

To the disbelief of senaunable to rectify the testimony promptly because she

questions and answers that might take place.

the couple's secret "for a long A statement by Lisa Marie, 26, was issued by Jackson's production company, MIJ Productions. In the statement, Lisa Marie, the only child of Elvis portedly got a "quickie" di-vorce in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic on

ring."
The judge said the new-

# RDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, World News

exhansted Rwandan refugee rests on the road near the northwestern Rwandan town of Rubengeri as thousands of Rwandan refugees return home. The Red

Cross has distributed 50 tonnes of food to several thousands of Rwandan refugees from Zaire to Ruhengeri

### Abiola trial adjourned on eve of petroleum strike

LAGOS (Agencies) — The rreasoo trial of Nigerian oppositioo leader Moshood Abiola, who has declared himself elected head of state, was adjourned Tnesday for a day after the defence challenged the court's jurisdic-

tion, court sources said. Mr. Abiola heads a campaign against military rule, which is hacked by pro-democracy activities and petroleum industry workers who

have been on strike for a month, doing serious damage

to the economy of oil-rich Nigeria.

Court sources said the adjournment would enable the prosecution to respond to a claim that the high court in the capital Abuja lacked the eompetence to try Mr. Abiola because his offence was allegedly committed in

Lagos.
Mr. Abiola was arrested days after making a public appearance to declare himself president and commander-in-chief of the armed forces oo June 11, the eve of the first anniversary of elections he is believed to have won, before the junta annulled the outcome of the

Armed riot police cor-doned off the area around the courtroom and patrolled all roads leading into Ahuja as the tycoon was produced in court, witnesses said, the day hefore a geoeral strike accorded by the main labour federation.

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pilot, hecame Chechnya's

first democratically-elected

president in October 1991, at

which time he also unilateral-

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No country or government ever recognised the move and

Chechnya has since held a

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and as an unchecked gateway

for smuggling between Rus-sia and neighbouring coun-

The decree issued by the

Provisional Council stated it

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ranted" and "unfair," and rejected demands that the

play the stock market - was

pendence from Russia.

When the trial began last Thursday, violent demonstrations took place around the court premises. Witnesses said police shot three people dead. The police denied killing anybody but said they had arrested about 120 protes-

The adjournment came amid specualtion that the regime of General Sani Abacha might bow to pressure from the trade unions and the prodemocracy movement to free the politician.

### Rebels claim Chechen leader ousted

MOSCOW (AFP) - Rebels in the breakaway Russian Republic of Chechnya announced Tnesday that they had ousted President Dzhokhar Dudayev and had assumed "all authority" in the republic, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The announcement was contained in a decree issued by an oppositioo Provisiooal Council which led armed opposition to Mr. Dudayev io recent weeks and which last month asked Moscow to recognise it as the authority in Chechnya. "In connection with the

decision at the congress of Checken people, the provisional council assumes all state power," the decree, delivered to ITAR-TASS lo Moscow, stated. The Provisional Council,

led by Umar Avturkhanov, a former local administratioo chief in Chechnya, said it had "Dzhokhar Dndayev from his duties" and accused the Chechen president of usurping power in the country. The council said it would hold legislative and local elections in May or June next year, but the statement as reported hy ITAR-TASS made oo mention of pres-

idential elections The announcement came less than a week after four Chechens seized a busload of bostages in southern Russia in an incident that ended in five deaths and some 15 persons wounded

NEW DELHI (AFP) -

Opposition lawmakers Tues-

day resigned from all par-

liamentary committees and

annonoced a three-week

boycott of parliament, out-

usal to accept blame for

Cutting acorss all divisions

among the opposition, the

parties said their MPs would

not return to parliament for

the rest of the month-long

monsoon session, which be-

An angry walkout from both houses of parliament

followed the announcement.

Opposition MPs ignored

placatory gestures from the

government and the speak-

er's appeals for reconcilia-

The protests climaxed four

days of turmoil sparked hy a

government report rebutting

the findings of a bipartisan

parliameotary committee

which blamed administrative

lapses for the \$1.3-billion

Leaders of the rightwing

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP,

Indian People's Party), the

centrist Janata Dal (People's

Party) and the Communist

Party of India-Marxist (CPI-

M) said their MPs were quit-

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Dzhokhar Dudayev

The Provisional Council said it would immediately set up a government of "national renaissance" and asserted that any resident of the Caocasus mountain republic who continued to hack Mr. Dudayev was "committing a crime against the Chechen

people."
"All decrees directed against the people, all orders and resolutions and other documents adopted hy the Dudayey regime are declared invalid and will oot be carried out." the decree stated,

according to ITAR-TASS. Mr. Dudayev, a former

Indian opposition lawmakers quit

### Vilnius for talks with **Baltic** leaders

Major in

VILNIUS (AFP) — British Prime Minister John Major arrived here Tuesday to meet with his Lithuanian, Estonian and Latvian counterparts for talks expected to focus on trade and Baltic-Russian relations. "This visit has economic

tical meaning," said Vilius Kavaliauskas, spokesman for Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius. Mr. Major was expected to

discuss the politicallysensitive subject of Russian troop withdrawals from the former Soviet Baltic republics, Mr. Kavaliauskas said. "Our neighbours oeed sup-

port on the withdrawal of troops," he said. Mr. Major was due to hold news conference starting

2:00 p.m. (1100 GMT). Britain is the biggest inves tor in Lithuania and Mr. Slezevicius hoped Mr. Major's visit will encourage British firms to participate in

several substantial projects including the conversion of military factories into civilian plants, Mr. Kavaliauskas During his ooe-day visit to the Lithuanian capital, Mr.

Major was also scheduled to meet with Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas and the prime minister of Estonia and Latvia, Mart Laar and Valis Birkavs, respectively. The last Russian troops left

Lithuania last year and Moscow has pledged to withdraw its soldiers from Estonia and Latvia hy Ang. 31. Mr. Kavalianskas com-

pared Mr. Major's visit to U.S: President Bill Clinton's trip to Latvia last month, saying it would give impetus to the Baltic's drive for integration with the West.

We are going to the European and to the world markets together with our neighbours," he said.

He said the visit by the British prime minister also bolstered pressure on Moscow to stand by its agreements to remove the last of the Russian troops stationed in the Baltics hy the Soviet I Imion.

Referriog to the tense negotiations that preceded the withdrawal of Russian troops from Lithuania last year, Mr. Kavaliauskas said the troops "will probably withdraw (from Estonia and Latvia) on time."

"But who knows? We were not sure until the last day whether there would be a withdrawal or oot. There could be a revolt of some troops or units," he said. Mr. Kavaliauskas said

Lithuania hoped for British support for large-scale projects such as modernising sea ports and airports.

# U.K. soldiers arrive in Rwanda

KIGALI (R) — British soldiers flew into Rwanda's mortar-scarred airport Tuesday, starting an aid mission that will bring 600 to the ceotral Africao country wrecked hy civil war, massacres and one of the worst refugee crises in modero

Operation Gabriel, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Warmby, is the largest deployment of British troops in Africa since they oversaw Zimhabwe's first multiracial protection. elections 14 years ago. The British mission was

There will be about five Hercules (C-130 aircraft) coming in today," Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Phil Hamhly said.

An advance party of eight Royal Air Force airmen jogged down the loading ramp of a C-130 plane just after dawn and were met hy U.S. sol-diers already deployed at the

British medical staff in the oorthwestern towo Ruhengeri will treat refugees falling sick on the road home from hellish camps in eastern Zaire where thousands are dying of disease.

In a three-month bloodhath. Hutu extremists butchered an estimated 500,000 Tutsis and Hutus who hack. opposition parties. Some 2,7 million Hntus then fled the country to escape advancing guerrillas from the Tutsidominated Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF).

British engineers will be based in the oorthern town of Byumha to help rehuild hridges and repair roads damaged during the fighting which ended with a victory by the RPF last month.

Other soldiers will camp out in the Amahoro Sports Stadium in downtown Kigali, where Canadian troops are also based. The British, who will take

up to two weeks to complete their arrival, join troops from the United States, Canada, Australia and a handful of African countries in the humanitatian missioo. As with other Western deployments, the British forces

are moving into Rwanda io a trickle that contradicts government promises to act fast to stem the tide of refugee deaths. Col. Warmby said the mis-

sion aimed to create a climate of calm to entice refugees back from the camps in Zaire and to help rebuild some of the war-damaged infrastruc-

Teams will manage vehicle meebaoies, road maiote-nance, rehuild bridges blown up during the fighting, clear unexploded ordnance littered around the country from fighting and send out medical staff to care for homecoming

Col. Warmby said the soldiers, serving under the U.N. flag, would carry weapons sufficient only for self-

announced hy the government last week after Baroness Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, visited eastern Zaire where refugees are dying of disease in their hundreds each day.

But it was apparently delayed because of problems in transporting British forces, hit by recent defence cuts, and their equipment to the remote African nation.

A total of 200 U.S. troops are expected in the capital by the end of the week. Some 600 Canadians and 300 Australians are also on their

The mission to repatriate refugees is becoming more

complicated by the bour.
Refugees returning from eholera and dysenteryplagued camps in Zaire could spawn a health disaster in Rwanda, doctors said.

Refugees vomit and, with diarrhoea running down their legs, cluster at a tent clinic in a camp at Kibumba in eastern

"Dysentery is growing. Some of these people we

think have a combination of cholera and dysentery," said Nurse Karin Vandesbroek in the compound filled with

In the Zaire border town of Goma. the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, said she would tell Rwanda's more than two million refugees to go home only when the new government showed it could deliver on promises to protect them.

In southwestern Rwanda, French forces which deployed with 2,500 troops in Operation Turquoise in June patrol a "safe haven" could be preparing to leave by Aug. 22.

France is apparently hesitating on this since the U.N., which has been pleading for equipment and aircraft to belp deploy African troops who agreed to go to Rwanda two months ago, wants Turquoise forces to stay longer.

Although tens of thousands of Hutu refugees have begun returning, the majority are staying behind io Zairean camps.

Some are clearly terrified of being under RPF rule. Many others are linked with the massacres of 500,000

Tutsis and opposition Hutus carried out by Hutu suppor-ters of then-President Juvenal Habyarimana after he was assassinated on April 6 along with the president of neighbouring Burundi. Both presidents were Hutus.

Rwanda's oew Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu Tuesday shrugged off a possible threat hy troops from the former Rwandan

army to oust his government. "They have fought, and they have lost. Now they can start a guerrilla (war), but the question is whether they have a clear objective. Those who only fight for personal or regional interests...cannot succeed," Mr. Twagiramun-

gu told Belgian Radio from Kigali. Thousands of troops loyal to the government of assassicated President Juvenal neighbouring Zaire.

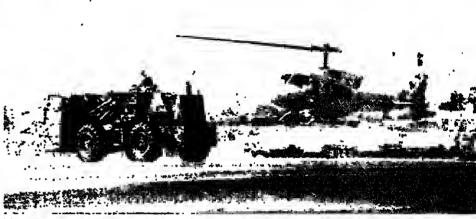
"We do oot want to reopes another chapter of massacres," Mr. Twagramage said, urging all Rwandans to try and reconcile their differ-

Mr. Twagiramungu, a Hutu moderate in the new government formed by the victorious Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) two weeks ago, dismissed claims be was a

puppet of the RPF. The RPF has accepted me as the prime minister, therefore I believe that I am the prime minister of all Rwandans, not only of the RPF."

be said. "I am not an alibi, a pawn or a puppet," he added. Meanwhile, representaoves of 44 donor nations. gathered in Geneva Tuesday to discuss a U.N. appeal for almost half a billion dollars in

emergency aid to Rwanda.
Peter Hansen, U.N. Assistance Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs. opening the day-long meeting, described a "hellish situation" in Rwanda, but said it "is not too late to speak of prevention."



U.S. troops unload food from a Canadian plane as a U.N. chopper lands at Kigali

### Berlusconi criticised as parliament debate looms level of dissent within his own

ROME (R) - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi - now only a single point ahead of Italy's neo-fascist leader in the latest popularity poll came under yet more attack from his allies Tuesday.

One said he had too many business interests to be prime minister, the other accused him of riding roughshod over the government's smaller

supporters. Further criticism seems bound to come when the media tycooo answers questions io parliament over the political muddles dogging his coalition. A series of sethacks over

the past month has tranished Mr. Berlusconi's golden image and wiped the hroad smile from his perenially suntanned face. Doubts have been raised

about the stability of his right-wing tripartite coalition and financial markets have taken fright at the prospect of possible return to the had old days of weak, short-lived governments.

Tuesday's parliamentary appearance is likely to focus

on Mr. Beriusconi open fight with graft busting magistrates and his plan to distance himself from his business empire. The dehate, at 8 p.m. (1800 GMT), may well see

his main partner, the federalist Northern League, openly criticise him again, political analysts believe. "Berluscomi should not be

prime minister," League leader Umberto Bossi was quoted as saying in Tuesday's Corriere Della Sera newspaper. "How can a man with so much ecocomic power be at the head of a government?"
However, Mr. Bossi re-

stated his party's commitment to stable government and willingness to work with Mr. Berlusconi. Caught up in a row over his

handling of a corruption scandal that led to the arrest of his brother Paolo, Silvio Berlusconi failed to win political backing for his plan to put a wall between himself and his \$7 hillion a year Fininvest empire.

Parliament will not vote at the end of the dehate, but it will provide insight into the

coalition and will supply material for political pundits who have been speculating on his government's durabil-Mr. Berlusconi may have

felt further discomfort on Tuesday from the results of an opinion poll that showed his rating was slipping in favour of neo-fascist National Alliance leader Gianfranco The poll, by the SWG poll-

ing institute for Famiglia Cristiana magazine, said only 21.4 per cent of Italians would vote for Mr. Berlusconi were it possible to directly elect the prime minister. In February, 33.4 per cent said they would do so.

The racing of Fini, who has cultivated his image as a mediator in the recent coalition spats, shot up to 20.3 per cent from 8.7 per cent.

Mr. Berlusconi nearly hrought his government down last month with a decree that let scores of corrupdon suspects leave jail.

Only five days after it was introduced, the League

forced Mr. Berlusconi into a humiliating retreat — his first climhdown since eoteriog politics at the start of the

A few days later, Mr. Berlusconi was deeply embarrassed when graft-busters launched a probe that not only touched Fininvest, but also led to the arrest of Paolo Berlusconi on suspicion of hankrolling alleged hribes

paid hy the group. In another sign of dissent within the coalidon, the leader of the tiny Christian Democratic Centre (CCD) party called Tuesday for more coordination in the disparate majority.

CCD leader Pierferdiando Casini pressed home demands for a meeong of all the leaders of parties io Mr. Berlusconi's coalition that included his party, which has two ministers.

Let me remind Berlusconi of the thing: The parliamentary majority is not run on a pact between the leaders of. the three largest parties," he told Il Messaggero newspap--,

### Pacific nations move to protect forests, fisheries

### fishery contains 50 per cent of BRISBANE, Aostralia are to meet within the oext (AFP) - South Pacific island two months to begin imthe world's canning tuna and land.

nations made it plain Tuesday they would no longer tolerate the "highly destructive" exploitation of its limited resources. In a 10-page communique

at the conclusion of the twoday, 15-nation South Pacific Forum, heads of governments expressed concern "at the way in which forests throughout the region and the world are being barvested in a highly destructive man-OCT.

During Tuesday's forum. the prime ministers of timher-producing oations Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomons and Vanuatu held a separate meeting.

The communique "warmly welcomed" their subsequent agreement and said it would result in work towards a common code of condoct "governing logging of indigenous forests, to which companies operating in their commtries will have to adhere."

Monitoring of logging and exports will be urgently increased and senior officials plementing the decisions.

On Monday, Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating and Solomon's Prime Minister Fraocis Billy Hilly announced the suspension of logging licence held by Malaysian company Kumpalan Emas Group operating in the Solomons because it had "consistently hreached the conditions of its licence by carrying out illegal forestry practices.

The mostly-Asian logging companies have voracious appetites for logs in the Solomons, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatn. Mr. Keating said the forum

showed a political commitment to use resources in a sustainable way.

The forum communique said countries agree that a multilateral approach on fishing will be streogtheoed to promote the sustainable exploitation of fish stocks within the Pacific. The forum will define sustainable catch

levels for all fisheries. The South Pacific tuna supplies 90 per cent of

Japan's tuna occds. The South Pacific Forum warned France Tuesday that a resumption of nuclear tests in the Pacific would be a major setback to the current positive trend in the group's relations with Paris.

"If France were to cease testing permanently, this would contribute significantly to improving further relations hetween France and the forum countries," it said in a communique issued at the close of its 25th meeting here.

France has staged a long series of nuclear tests at Mururoa atoll but in April 1992 declared a moratorium on testing in the South Pacific which is still in place.

"Any resumption of testing would be a major sethack to the current positive trend in relations between France and the region," the 15-member grouping said.

A report at the weekend that there was a division in France's leadership over resumption of tests caused a considerable stir in New Zea-

On New Caledonia, the communique noted that in the Freoch territory "real conomic and social rebalancing was still some distance away." The forum "affirmed its."

support for continuing contacts with the French territories as a positive contribution. towards the Madgnon process."

The 1988 Matigooo' Accords provide for a referendum in 1998 on indepeodeoce of the Freoch Territory.

The communique "noted." in particular with pleasure" that the Kanak Training Fund was now operating successfully with a number of . fellowships granted.

The forum secretariat's relations with France and its territories "were on a good footing" the document said.

A delegation from the

Kanak Socialist National Liberatioo Front (FLNKS) met over dinner Monday with forum leaders and delegation members, FLNKS spokesman Rock Wamytan said.

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Sales were also slower by expected for the large Woodstock '94 concentrate staged the same weeken Saugerties. New York, he promoters of the onne event and PolyGram linated Entertainment Son 250,000 tickets were available at \$135 apiece, but the than 150,000 had been sugped up by Monday the saies were supposed to he been cut off, a PolyGra spokesman said. Sales les been extended for n ker another 10 days and last longer have to buy in blog of four with one parking per They can now but two teles with a parking pass.

Driver, \$4, tries going against the flow WELLINGTON (R) -: 94-year-old woman droves kilometres down the ma

side of one of New Zeales busiest highways Tues without realising anyth was amiss, police said, h woman headed southinger ring rain on the busy not bound carriageway of the Wellington Motorway, 66. vious to the cuts swerings of her way. "An ambulate heading north saw her waing towards them Therser ped and pet on that emergency lights and, forth nately for them, she stopped

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the roof of the world as the slopes of Mount Everest now so packed with dimber who have nowhere to g "There is no drainage of there. Human waste six around for a long time. The leads to intection, including dysentery," Charles Clark medical adviser to the Buist Mountaineering Council told The Guardian newsparer. Thousands use the Nepalese and Tibetan be camps every year, posit hygiene problems for author ities who are coming to Br tain later this month for all on how to improve the & vironment. That is when the lip Tolan, a toilet manufe turer from the Scottish cine Glasgow, hopes to pitch for business. "It may seem in quite a challenge but we had products which would k

### ideal for such a difficult let tion," he told the paper. California scraps

(AFP) - Lawnakers in Can fornia have done away with some of the vestiges of the old west by scrapping pont sions from its books result ing where "Wanted: Dead of Alive" posters can be hank and the movement of dolls eys and horses. The plots sions, that date back to be when California was part to the old west instead of the left coast, were scrapped from the state code last wet in a hid to address contents by constituents that land were too complicated as cials said. Under the new streamlined code. winners of the famed pistol duck will no longer be required to conpensate the lost spots.
The changes, which is effect on Jan. I, also display with restrictions for display in a warrad. Dead of ing "Wanted: Dead Of Alive" posters and for allowing donkeys, horses and hulk to room

to roam wild-

### wild west laws SACRAMENTO, California

ting all legislative commit-India's hicameral parliament has an array of committees to deal with various

### parliamentary committees in protest aspects of legislative husioess

and oversee government functioning. Our next step will be to go to the people," Janata Dal leader Sharad Yadav said in the Lok Sahha, or lower house, seemingly holding ont

en masse from parliament it-Atal Behari Vajpayee, BJP leader, voiced regret that Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Coogress (I) Party government had done nothing to hreak the deadlock over the report on

the scandal that the opposition wants scrapped. He said the three-year-old government was faced with a "crisis of credibility" by questioning the committee's findings in its "Action Taken Report" on the scam un-

veiled on July 26. Two government ministers - Health Minister B. Shankaranad and Minister of State for Rural Development Rameshwar Thakur — were criticised by the legislative panel for alleged wrongdoing in the scam which surfaced in

The two ministers held different portfolios at the time. Finance Minister Manmohan Singh was also upbraided by the panel for failing to act and stem the fraud, but cast no dooht oo his

The government described

personal integrity.

ministers be punished. It said the scam - allegedly carried out hy a nexus of hankers and hrokers who siphoned off public funds in an opposition threat to resign fraudulent securities deals to

> the result of a systems failure rather than administrative lapse. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vidya Charan Shukla Tuesday pleaded the government's case, saying it had oo intendon to denigrate the parliameotary panel and

ers to think "coolly." He rejected demands that the Action Taken Report be withdrawn in its entirety, hut urged the opposition to treat it merely as an ioterim and oot a final document detailing government response to

appealing to opposition lead-

tion is ready to be put to parliament, the legislature should carry on its husiness, Mr. Shukla said. "No, no, no," opposition

members chanted to response

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The lower house speaker, Shivraj Patil, appealed for a government-opposition dia-logue to resolve the issue.

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### The law is above all

THERE IS no denial that opposition to government policies is a legitimate and constitutional right. The essence of democracy is that it condones pluralism and guarantees those who do not agree with the policies and programmes of the government the right to protest those policies and programmes through all lawful means.

The laws of the land, written in accordance with the Constitution, state that certain institutions, especially the Monarchy and the Armed Forces, should not be discussed in any negative way. They also forbid the use of places of worship as pulpits for political campaigning. The Monarchy and the Armed Forces are gurantor of the Constitution and the security of the country. The two should always be kept out of the rhetoric of politicians or the press and that is clearly expressed in the Press and Publication Law passed

These facts are very clear to the opposition. It is, therefore, mind-boggling to see some opposition elements resorting to these illegal means in their opposition to the peace process. What is more puzzling is the involvement of some deputies who are wellaware of the Constitution, the different laws and the principles of the National Charter. The deputies should know very well that the forum for opposing the government is under the dome of the House of Parliament and not in the streets or the mosanes.

The deputies and other opposition figures should also realise that the people of Jordan are fully knowledgeable of the principles that guide Jordan's path. The people of Jordan. politicised as they are, are fully conversant with the political and economic dangers and challenges that the country faces. These are the 1990s, not the 1960s. Rhetoric and slogans of the 1960s are long dead and abandoned. They do not correspond with the new realities with which the Kingdom and the people have to deal. Once opposition realises all of that, it must, sooner than later, reposition itself in a manner that will serve Jordan, the Jordanian people and the Arab cause in general by abiding by the law and respecting the Constitution. The opportunity is there and missing it is a sin.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'l Tuesday said national unity at this juncture was of paramount importance for Jordan as it strives to regain usurped Arab rights. Mohammad Qudah said that Jordanians of different origins have been living together since the start of occupation of Palestine and have been enjoying security and stability that have been envied by Arabs around them. Therefore, they have all the reasons to remain united and to stop any attempt designed to tamper with national unity, he said. The Palestinians and the Jordanians have shared their living, lived through sufferings and hardships and are bound to have the same destiny together, said Mr. Qudah. It is therefore incumbent on all citizens to fight suspect voices trying to damage the relationship between the two peoples and distort the image of unity, he said. Referring to the Washington Declaration, he said that article three has reemphasised Islamic Hashemite sovereignty over the Agsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, something which should be considered as a major gain for the nation, contributing towards further beistering national unity. He said that the Hashemites have succeeded in securing custody over the holy sites in the face of Israel's intransigence, thus realising a great achievement for the Arab and Islamic Nation.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour expressed the view that the U.S.-Western alliance would not launch a large scale military operation against Iran in retaliation for the spate of bombing incidents in Europe and the U.S., allegedly committed by Iranian agents. Saleh Qallab said any such adventure would be costly and could trigger a large scale war in the region. The writer expressed the view that action against Iran would take the form of a siege on Iranian ports on the one hand and allowing Israel to launch aggression on selected Iranian targets on the other. There is much talk in the Western media about possible air strikes and other hastile action against Iranian-backed Hizbollah bases, and ilis, he said, is carried out rontinely by the Israelis. But escalation of the present level of attacks could trigger a wide-scale war in the Middle East that would be detrimental to the peace process, said the writer. On the whole, any large scale military activity on the part of the West, added the writer, would not be an easy task and could back-fire in a most serious form and consequence.

Washington Watch

# The search for foreign policy success

THE CEREMONIES surrounding the Jordanian-Israeli signing of the Washington Declaration last week provided a welcome boost to U.S. President Bill Clinton, one that should not be underestimated

Beleaguered by foreign crises on four continents (Haiti, Bosnia, Korea and Rwanda), the president needed an opportunity to show off a success in at least one area of foreign policy. The Washington signing provided two days of leading foreign policy stories that were not critical of President Clinton, and pictures of him demonstrating U.S. leadership replaced photos of the suffering in Rwanda and

Those same two days silenced his critics. The combination of unresolved (and, some believe, unresolvable) foreign crises nagging personal problems (from Whitewater and the Paula Jones case), the excruciatingly slow pace of the health care debate in Congress and the relentless criticism of his care debate in Congress and the relentless criticism of his Republican opponents — they have all taken a toll on Clinton's popularity. Recent polis show that the public's approval of Clinton's performance in office is a very low 40 per cent. And while the public's perception of his work on some foreign policy issues is positive, Clinton's overall foreign policy rating is a dismal 34 per cent.

In truth, the media is partially to blame for the severity of Clinton's negative ratings. Daily stories and chilling photos of the tragedy in Rwanda, of the renewed defiance of the Bosnian Serbs and of chaos in Haiti create the impression of

Bosnian Serbs and of chaos in Haiti create the impression of a world out of control. While polls also show that Americans do not want U.S. forces involved in any of these conflicts and do not place foreign policy high on their list of priorities — they remain, nevertheless, troubled by the feeling that their country, the world's only superpower, can do nothing to provide stability and order to a world in need of it.

The President's supporters point to his administration's many successes in foreign affairs and to his reordering of foreign policy priorities to emphasise economic issues as vital to U.S. national interest. As defined by President Clinton on the eve of his departure to attend the G-7 summit, the new priority for U.S. foreign policy is to "create jobs in a world of

In particular, supporters emphasise the president's new three-pronged approach to post-cold war foreign policy: promoting democracy, economic prosperity, and a defence posture adapted to the new environment. Within this framework Clinton's supporters point to several successes in addition to those associated with the Middle East.

First, Clinton won approval for a historic \$4.1 billion in aid to Russia to support its democratic and economic reforms. Although many felt that there was no need for this programme because the cold war was over, Clinton successfully argued that the post-cold war peace had yet to be won, and demonstrating this commitment to Russia's reform programme was a worthwhile investment.

Second, despite strong opposition from his own party, Mr. Clinton invested a great deal of political capital to enact NAFTA and secure side-agreements on human rights and other issues. He also saw through the final series of the Urugnay Round of GATT to make certain that the previous seven years of negotiations weren't wasted. And on critical aspects of bilateral trade, Mr. Clinton has heavily involved his administration on behalf of major U.S. industries,

Third, on the issue of arms control, Mr. Clinton has pledged to strengthen international arms control regimes and to take the lead in negotiating a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty. Administration supporters point to his steadfastness and careful diplomacy in pursuing U.S. nonproliferation goals in North Korea. They also point out that when Mr. Clinton took office, four of the former Soviet Republics had nuclear weapons, but the administration has negotiated agreements with three of them to eliminate their entire

Yet despite these achievements, the administration is still sed in every medium for i policy. Only a few weeks ago the major news magazines were roundly and severely critical of the president. Said Time, "The smell of failure, fairly or unfairly, is beginning to gather around his global management team, and if he slips over that ill-defined line, he might soon be written off by friends and foes alike as incapable of crafting a strong or coherent American foreign policy." And U.S. News And World Report was no less critical when it noted, "After having been run out of Somalia, faced down in Haiti, frustrated in North Korea and trumped at every turn in

Bosnia, 'assertive multilateralism' as practiced by the Clinton administration is earning a more accurate description.

In this context, the grand ceremonies in Washington last week brought a brief surge in national pride and respect for the role played by the president. Even former Secretary of State James Baker was caught up in the mood when on July 25 he had strong praise for the Democratic president saying. The approach the Clinton administration has followed in the Middle East has absolutely been the right approach."

Mr. Baker went on to more broadly praise the administration's performance, noting "I think they're doing a very good job in the Middle East. I think they're doing a good job with respect to their policy towards Russia. ...They're doing a good joh with respect to NAFTA and GATT."

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But the respite and the praise were short-lived. Only July 27 at a foreign policy forum organised by the National Republican Party, the "big gurs" of that party's foreign policy establishment blasted President Clinton's perform-

Mr. Baker did a quick turnaround for the forum. He accused Mr. Clinton of paying little attention to foreign affairs "until something goes wrong, and then all hell breaks loose." He said that Mr. Clinton "has squandered American credibility and undermined our preeminence around the world." Mr. Baker also accused Mr. Clinton of lacking "an overall plan and strategic direction" for his foreign policy, which he said led to "flip-flops (that) debase the currency of U.S. credibility.

Joining in the criticism were former Defence Secretary Richard Cheney, former U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Mr.. Chency, who like Mr. Baker is a potential Republican candidate for president in 1996, stated that in his view the Clinton administration was one of the "least competent in the 20th century," and called Clinton's policy on Haiti an "abject national embarrassment." He also accused the Democrats of allowing the military to be dangerously

Mr. Kissinger, in his own professorial style, criticised the administration's lack of foreign policy experience, saying, "This administration has not been able to distinguish between professorial concepts and foreign policy."

The problems faced by the Clinton administration are real

and complex, and - despite Republican criticisms -- are no fault of their own.

Each of the crisis areas addressed by critics are too complex to be open to simple solutions. And it is a fact that there is no consensus among the various branches of government as to how to resolve them. The Pentagon, for example, has been emphatic in its opposition to a military option for Bosnia or Haiti. The Central Intelligence Agency is been most resistant to provide support to the elected Haitian government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

And Congress is deeply divided over whether or not to endorse the use of U.S. military forces to play a role in bringing order to any of these trouble spots.

What both Congress and the president know is that there is

little U.S. public support for any military involvement.

Polls show that public opinion is against using U.S. military forces in almost every case. In Haiti, only 38 per cent of Americans feel that vital U.S. interests are at stake, and only 45 per cent support the use of force to restore democracy in that country. Polls have consistently shown that the U.S. public is opposed to sending troops to Bosnia, where only 31 per cent feel the U.S. has a vital stake. And the numbers are even more grim with regard to Rwanda, where only 81 per cent see vital U.S. interests at stake and only 28 per cent favour the introduction of U.S. ground troops. Only in the Korean case is the public in favour of using U.S. troops, but the foreign policy establishment fears that a confrontation with North Korea will not be an easy one since it will not be supported by our regional allies or

Another factor compounding these problems facing the administration, which is ignored by Clinton's Republican critics, is that almost all of these crises have been "inherited" from, i.e. unresolved by, the Bush administration. The Bush

administration knew, for example, of North Korea's nuclear programme as early as 1989, and they had no Bosnia, Haiti or African policy to speak of.

A final difficulty facing the Clinton administration has been its inability to define new and consistent policies in response to these crises, mobilise public support behind their initiatives, and to build sufficient domestic and international confidence to implement their initiatives. The failure to win European support for their short-lived "lift and strike" initiative for Bosnia; the inconsistent policy towards Haiti (and the miscommunication which led to Panama's rejection of Clinton's "safe haven" initiative which forced the President to all but abandon his new policy after only two days); the refusal of U.S. allies to support administration efforts to isolate Korea and Burma — these have all been embarrassing to the administration and have caused questions about their ability to play a leadership role in international affairs. Failures such as those have led some to suggest that Clinton has turned former President Theodore Roosevelt's maxim of "Speak softly but carry a big stick" around to "Talk tough and carry no stick at all.

While fault for these failures is being placed on the U.S. foreign policy team for not being more forceful or consistent, such criticism may not be completely fair. In the new unipolar post-cold war world, the U.S. cannot simply act alone to resolve each and every crisis. When allies, especially regional allies most affected by a particular crisis, reject U.S. initiatives; and when other countries, ont of their own economic interest, seek to undercut U.S. efforts to huild an international consensus regarding "outlaw" regimes; when neither the U.S. military establishment nor the Congress (not to speak of U.S. public opinion) disavow the use of U.S. forces as a tool of international conflict resolution — in such case it becomes difficult and even foolish to proceed.

Nevertheless, the administration continues to wrestle with instituting changes in both its approaches to those conflicts and in the composition of the foreign policy team that will project and implement those policies.

Secretary of Defence William Perry has made it clear that

the U.S. will respond to the Bosnia crisis by either using forces if the Serbs continue to reject peace initiatives, or to use U.S. troops as peacekeepers if the current internationally-profered settlement is agreed to by all parties. Negotiations with the North Koreans have resumed, and efforts to resolve the crisis in Haiti continue, including the discussion of the use of military forces.

The least promising and potentially most costly U.S. venture now underway is the dispatching of U.S. troops to Rwanda and the "round the clock" airlift of humanitarian relief to Zaire to assist the million-plus Rwandan refugees in that country. Critics wrongly contend that intervention should have come sooner. They rightly argue, however, that such a highly visible U.S. involvement at this stage will only serve to put a U.S. stamp on the continuing disaster that can only get worse in the coming months. Finally, it should be noted that efforts are underway to

create a more visible, articulate and internationally respected stamp on U.S. foreign policy. The president, himself, has focused more intently on foreign policy issues in recent months. A number of foreign visits, an increased number of forcing visitors to the U.S. and the dispatching of his administration's top communications expert (David Gergen) to the State Department to assist the Department in better communicating its foreign policy objectives and

achievements are all a part of this effort.

While Secretary of State Warren Christopher remains a highly regarded member of the president's cabinet, other administration officials have also begun to play more active international roles. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown has won high marks from U.S. business leaders and from foreign officials for his successful activist policies. And Vice President Al Gore has stepped up his role as a major player in foreign affairs, a role that will be once again highlighted in September when he visits three continents to promote the administration's foreign policy efforts.

Significant changes in either the foreign policy team itself or in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy in one or more regions may yet occur before the end of 1994. As the recent signing on the White House lawn showed, success is sweet and can silence critics. What will propel the administration forward in the coming months is the search for more areas of success in an effort to huild greater domestic and international confidence in U.S. leadership.

# Red Socks dominate lacklustre German election campaign

By Richard Murphy

BONN - A red sock hanging on a clothes line may seem an unlikely focus of political controversy 11 weeks before an election.

But as campaigning for elections on October 16 ianguishes in midsummer doldrums, it is virtually the only subject Germany's main political parties are arguing about.

Christian Democratie (CDU) Chancellor Helmnt Kohl and his Social Democratic (SPD) rival Rudolf Scharping have been on holiday, in Austria and France respectively, and the next state polls in this marathon election year are not due until September.

With few other issues of substance exercising the two parties at the moment, the controversial sock has become the centre of atten-

It is featured on a jokey CDU election poster intended to suggest that the Social Democrats are get-ting too cosy with East Germany's reformed Communists - the "Red Socks."

"Of into the future - but not with Red Socks," reads the accompanying slogan. The poster was prompted

hy the SPD's decision to set up a minority coalition with the greens in an East German state that depends for survival on the tacit support of the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), the re-

formed Communists. The poster has produced the only real sparks in what kas so far been a lacklustre

campaign, with Mr. Kohl's party accusing the Social Democrats of planning a radical leftist government in Bonn even if this means

relying on PDS votes.
The Social Democrats responded in equally ironic vein, using the same theme of socks. It distributed a leaflet containing a photo-graph of Mr. Kohl in friendy conversation with former East German Communist leader Erich Honecker.

The punning slogan "Jetzt sind wir aber vond den Socken, Herr Kohl" literally, "Now we're out of our socks" — is a colloquialism meaning "now we are astonished, Mr. Kohl."

Behind the silly-season humour lies a serious issue which both parties will ex-ploit to the full when campaigning gets going in ear-nest — the links each accuses the other of having with East German Communists, past and present.

The SPD realises it took a gamble by opting for a leftist coalition with the backing of reformed Communists in the state of Saxony-Anhalt,

With at least one opinion poll suggesting it has lost support as a result, it has issued repeated assurances that it is not contemplating similar arrangements at national level.

This is not a model for Bonn," Social Democrat Party Manager Guenter Verheugen said in a letter to party members. "We have nothing in common with the PDS. This party is not a partner for us. There will be no coalition with them or government toler-

Stung by CDU charges that it broke a taboo by giving the PDS a role on the fringes of power for the first time, the Social Democrats have retaliated by remind-ing the CDU and its liberal Free Democrat (FDP) coalition partners that they have many East German members who once collaborated with Communists.

Mr. Verheugen pointed out that both the CDU and the FDP absorbed their East German sister parties when Germany united, even though they had been so-called "hlock parties" firmly under the control of the ruling Communists.

The block parties were

part of the apparatus of repression," he said. Leading Christian Demo-

crats in East Germany have said they will not use the "Red Socks" poster be-cause it trivialises the real electoral threat posed by the PDS, which has won around 20 per cent of the vote in recent local elections in the region.

But CDU General Secretary Peter Hintze is

"The "red socks" poster has fully achieved its pur-pose, which is to focus on the fact that the old Communist cadres of yesterday in the PDS are coming to power again with the help of the SPD," he said.

The reformed Communists, enjoying a resurgence of support from East Germans unhappy with the nn-fulfilled promises of unification, are pleased to find themselves the centre of attention. The party even sent a tongue-in-cheek note to the CDU thanking it for its posters.

But the fate of another small party, the Free Democrats, will be of greater concern to Mr. Kohi when he returns from his lakeside retreat in Austria

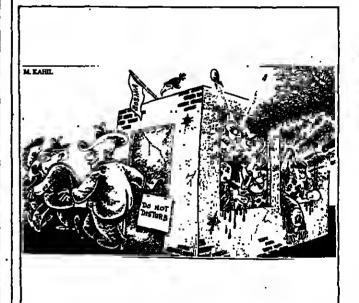
The FDP has been battered by defeats in state elections and lost all its seats in the European parliament in June, raising donhts about whether it will clear the five per cent hurdle necessary to reenter the Bonn parliament in October.

Mr. Kohl's standing in opinion polls has risen steadily as the economy climbs out of recession and most polls put him ahead of the Social Democrats, but he will almost certainly need the FDP at his side to remain in power.

The free Democrats acknowledge they are in crisis, choosing as a main election slogan: "This time everything is at stake."

Unlike the Christian Democrats and Social Democrats, they have yet to find the right image to accompany the slogan. The FDP acknowledges that preliminary photographs of leader and Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel show him looking buttoned-up and

It is looking for pictures in which he appears more confident and dynamic. Mr. Kinkel's socks are not expected to be featured.



### **LETTERS**

### Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

I WAS misquoted in the story entitled "Jordanians jubilant over summit," by Jamal Halaby of the Associated Press; (Jordan Times, July 7).

I never met the writer, not at least in the last two years, I was, however, visited by a young woman who stated she represented the Associated Press, and my answer to her question was as follows:

"Unless peace accords are accompanied by a definitive rise in standards of living on both sides of the river, I am afraid they could carry seeds of failure within them."

Osama Sha'sha'a,

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused manuscripts.

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# By Dr. James Zogby

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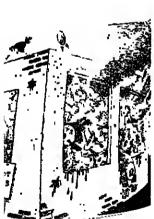
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# Serbia warns Bosnia Serbs to accept peace proposal

BELGRADE (Agencies) -The international plan — offered by the United States, The Serbian government on Tuesday told Bosnian Serbs leaders to accept an interna-Germany, France, Russia tional peace plan or stand and Britain - would reduce accused of "a crime against Serb control over Bosnia your own people." from 70 per cent to 49 per The Bosnian Serbs have cent. The rest would go to a

snubbed the plan, which would require them to sur-Muslim-Croat federation. The plan's authors rejected render some territory won in a Bosnia Serb offer to remore than two years of fightnegotiate the proposal, and ing. The proposal has been the Serbs were considering a accepted by the Muslim-led referendum on the plan as a Bosnian government and way of relieving pressure Croatia. from their backers in Serbia Bosnia's Serbs have come and Russia.

The latest statement out of Belgrade follows a threat by Serbian President Slobodoan Milosevie, under pressure from Russia, to cut off material support to the Bosnian

Mr. Milosevic, the chief instigator of the wars in Bosnia and Croatia, now wants to play peacemaker and stave off the economic ruin that a tightening of sanctions would

Sanctions imposed two years ago against Yugoslavia for fomenting the war have had a severe impact, but loopholes such as Serbowned offshore companies have allowed the country to

Bosnian Serbs launched the war, which has killed an estimated 200,000 people. In April 1992 after Muslims and Croats moved to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. In Bosnia, fierce fighting near government-held Visoko northwest of Sarajevo on

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lan Ahmad, head of one of

the 30 Kurdish families squat-

ting in the ruins. "We will

wait here until help arrives."

But a Christian who used

to live in the village doubts

they will ever move on. "I'm

sure they'll stay because their

he said, asking not to be

Between 50,000 and

100.000 Christians - from a

total of around one million

throughout Iraq — live in Iraqi Kurdistan, which since

1991 has been held by the

Kurds in defiance of Baghdad

after an anti-government re-

bellion.

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reopening land routes out of the city closed by the Serbs. At least three civilians were killed in Serb shelling across Bosnia on Monday and Tuesday, U.N. peacekeepers and Bosnian radio said.

Serbs and government officials were due of resume talks late Tuesday, said Major Rob Annink, a U.N. peacekeeper spokesman. Serbs broke off the talks on Monday to protest the Visoko fighting.

The talks were to take place on U.N.-controlled Sarajevo airport, spokeswoman Claire Grimes said.

The talks were to concentrate on the release of prisoners held by both sides as well as an exchange of information on people who have disappeared in the 27 months of ighting here. They were also seeking an

end to the use of snipers around the Bosnian capital. U.N. coordinator Sergio Viera de Mello was to chair the talks between the Bosnian government minister responsible for U.N. relations, Hasan Muratovic, and the president of the self-declared Bosnian Serh parliament, Momcilo Krajisnik.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Andreas Kuhn, were also to take part, Ms. Grimes said. U.N. officials here think the lack of progress in settling the prisoners issue is the main reason for the recent rise in

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In Sersik village, 125 fami-

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tension in the city where the 380,000 inhabitants are again cut off from the outside world and taken as sniper targets. Explaining their stay away from the talks early Tuesday, the Serbs accused the Bosnian government army of opening hostilities in the area around Visoko, 40 kilometres

northwest of Sarajevo. They refused to hold talks while the fighting continued, U.N. spokesman Ducre

The fighting in Visoko started early Monday and continued throughout the day, but U.N. officials said they did not know where the firing was coming from.

Lisa Jones, spokeswoman for the 1CRC, said the first day of talks had agreed to concentrate initially on the exchange of prisoners and information on the missing persons in the eastern town of Gorazde and its surround-

They agreed on the return of the bodies of 24 Bosnian soldiers killed by the Serbs and the exchange of information on 15 Bosnian soldiers who had disappeared.

At the same time, the government side agreed to free five out of 24 Serb soldiers held in Gorazde in return for three government soldiers held in Rndo, Foca and

Visegrad. Ms. Jones said the U.N. and ICRC had decided to try to take the negotiations "step by step" rather than in one all-or-nothing package.

"We experienced the same

threat from the Iraqi govern-

ment and fought together in the mountains," he said.

The Christians, almost all descendants of the Assyrians

who built one of the world's

first civilisations 6,000 years

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WAITING: A Rwandan child refugee waits for water next to American soldiers in the Kibumba camp, some 30 kilometres north of Goma, Zaire. Safe drinking water has begun to arrive in the region and started to reach some of the 1.2 million Rwandan refogees crowded in the surrounding camps (see page 5) (AFP photo)

# **Guerrillas attack** Israelis; 1 dead

(Agencies) — A Palestinian fighter was killed on Tuesday when resistance fighters attacked three fortified posts in occupied South Lebanon manned by Israeli troops and their militia allies, security

sources said. In another attack guerrillas fired rockets at an Israelimanned crossing point into Israel's Sonth Lebanon occupation zone but there were no reports of casualties.

Despite the flareup there was no sign of a major Israeli attack feared by Lebanon since Israeli and U.S. officials blamed the pro-Iranian Hizbollah for bombing Jewish and Israeli targets in Buenos Aires and London (see page

The sources said the guerrilla died attacking a post manned by Israeli troops and South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen at Braachit, a village in Israel's occupation zone a few kilometres north of the Israeli border, the

sources said. They said the Israelis and SLA forces responded by pounding nearby areas with

machinegun and artillery fire. The Popular Front for the Liherntion of Palestine (PFLP) issued a statement later confirming it lost one of its men in the firefight and said two other guerrillas were

wounded. The security sources identi-fied the slam guerrilla as Mohammad Ahmad Jundi, 38, from the Nahr Al Bared Palestinian refugee camp in northern Lebanon. But the statement issued

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pro-Syrian Shiite Muslim

group Amal issued a state-

ment claiming responsibility for attacks on SLA positions

at Saidon and Kfar Falous

There were no reports of

The Israelis and SLA re-

sponded by pounding the

Idlim Al Toufah to the north

with artillery fire; the sources

Elsewhere in South Leba-

ber, a Moroccan national.

to hills overlooking the village, opening fire on whoever tried to remove the obstacles. Vehicle traffie is forbidden. but pedestrians are allowed to move freely, reporters who visited the area said Tuesday.

Israeli forces have acceded to a Red Cross request to bring aid into Yohmor but on Tuesday 35 villagers gathered at the earthmounds outside the village and refused to take the supplies from the Red Cross on foot, demanding instead the organisation work on reopening the road.

# said the government "be-

reconciliation efforts. Council ceasefire resolutions.

internal affairs.

It has maintained that the war was not between North and south Yemen hut between a legitimate government and rebels.

wants to see now would be an

# Sanaa anxious to end U.N. role in reconciliation

which reluctantly accepted U.N. mediation in its twomonth civil war, is pressing to end the world body's involvement in post-war reconcilin-tion, political and diplomatie sources said on Tuesday.

"We consider the (U.N.) Security Council resolutions have exhausted their purpose. The U.N. exerted efforts to end the military operations and these have already stopped," an official source said.

The war ended on July 7 with the defeat of a separatist bid in the south led by Ali Salem Al Beidh, head of the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP). Mr. Beidh fied the country just before northern forces overran his breakaway state. Sanaa hns said that it viewed the civil war and aftermath as purely internal affairs and a political source

lieves future U.N. involvement can further complicate The Sanaa-based government, which argued that it fought the war to preserve the union forged in 1990, initially expressed strong re-servations about Security

saying they interfered in its But Sanaa had accepted the resolutions reluctantly to preempt possible foreign recognition of the hreakaway state set up in Aden after the civil war erupted on May 4.

The last thing Sanaa

attempt to consecrate the idea of talks between northern and sonthern Yemenis, and talks under U.N. auspices are bound to do exactthis," said one diplomat. The government, snuhbing U.N. efforts to promote postwar reconciliation, has insisted that a meeting in Gene-

troubleshooter Lakhdur (Brahimi, representatives from Sanaa and defeated secessionists did not constitute talks.

Two Security Council resolutions in June urged a political dialogue among the

warring parties. Thursday's Geneva talks were held a day after the Sanaa cabinet said in a statement it had asked the U.N. to end its role in Yemen because the war had ended. It also insisted that any dialogne should be held on Yemeni soil.

"Justifications for n dialogue outside Yemen no longer exist," an official source said. "If it is going to be a dialogue between north and south it is rejected. If it is a dialogue with rebels, they can take advantage of a general amnesty, return home and take part in the dialogue inside Yemen."

On Sunday, President Ali Abdullah Saleh gave south-ern exiles who backed the rebellion until Aug. 15 to take advantage of the amnesty or face constitutional and judicial measures.

The official sources said the amnesty did not include 16 rebel leaders wanted for trial, including Mr. Beidh.

Mr. Saleh said be would ask states sheltering Mr. Beidh, ex-Prime Minister Haidar Ahu Bakr Al Attas, former vice-president of the secessionist state Abdul Rahman Al Jifri and former Defence Minister Haitham Qassem Taher to hand them back for trial.

The official source said Sanaa had aiready started talks with members of the YSP who had not backed the secession. The formerly Marxist YSP ruled South Yemen until the merger with the more conservative North Yemen in 1990.

"Yemen wants its U.N. file to be closed and that dialogue inside the country be encouraged," he said.

Dr. Shaath also said nego-

tiations on security issues

would start once the civilian

track was completed, while

talks on elections for a

Palestinian council are sche-

duled to begin on Aug. 8.

to round up their latest ses-

the talks here can be ended

by early next week. But Gen.

Rothschild has said this is

optimistic, noting the issue of

budgeting touches on all sub-

jects involved in the talks on

so-called early empower-

third week, resumed Monday

but did not get to the money issue until Dr. Shaath's re-

turn from Gaza. Draft agree-

ments on health and educa-

tion were reported last week,

and Israelis said Tuesday the

talks were making continued

progress hut gave no details.

that Israel train Palestinians

to run tax collection as a step in a transitional programme

which is yet to be worked

Gen. Rothschild suggested

The negotiations, in their

sion on Thursday.

The delegates are expected

Dr. Shaath expressed hope

### Rabin: No Jerusalem talks now

tion of principles on anton-

Dr. Shaath was speaking to journalists upon arrival in the Egyptian capital to head the Palestinian team in negotiations on extending antonomy in the West Bank that resumed Monday.

The DoP, he noted, says negotiations over the city can start "as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the third year," fol-lowing the launch in May of self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"So what Mr. Arafat said about starting the negotiations now is entirely correct,"

"Jerusalem is nt the heart of our negotiations on a permanent settlement and we will not accept any preempting of that right between now and then," Mr. Shaath

On the West Bank autonomy talks, both Dr. Shaath and General Danny Roth-schild, head of the Israeli team, said the toughest problem facing the transfer of power to the Palestinian anthority was finances.

"One thing both of us know is that without financing, nothing can be done,'
Mr. Rothschild said.

Delegates opened talks Tuesday on tourism and so-cial welfare, while talks nn education and health were

The Palestinians announced formation of a tax authority earlier this week. It is studying ways to train tax over tax record and compu-

### ters from Israeli occupation authorities, said Dr. Shaath, the planning minister in the PLO's Gaza-Jericho adminis-

tration.

pected to be attended by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who begins

rate it officially, according to Israeli reports.

leaders in the presence of Mr. Christopher will be sometime next week," one Jordanian official told Reuters. He said the date was still being final-

Tuesday's talks concentrated on customs, communications and traffic details for the new crossing,

Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinians will hold their second trilateral talks in two weeks on Wednesday when environmental experts convene in Taba, Israeli officials said\_

A spokesman said each of the three would send a professional delegation to discuss regional environmental "It's a meeting of experts,

and they are going to talk about problems related to the three sides," the spokesman

Mr. Christopher will arrive in Israel late Saturday after a brief stop in Cairo, and travel on to Damascus on Sunday, He will then go to Jordan and return to Israel on Tues-

In Washington, a State Department official said Mr. Christopher's trip would last

### The Kurdish official in rian Democratie Party repretry for education couldn't live among the ruins. charge of housing, Yonnasenting the Christians afford to print schoolbooks in "What choice do we have? kam Kanna, said around 100 pointed out that his communthe Assyrian language, we Our own village, right at the ity and the Kurds had long village had been taken over had to print them ourselves," top of the mountain, is dessaid Mr. Benyamin. like Kani-Masi. He hlamed experience of living together.

Iragi Christians accuse Kurds of taking land

troyed and there's nobody to Family of Thai witness in Saudi gems case dead BANGKOK (R) — The wife and son of the key state witness in an unsolved case in which jewellery was stolen

from a Saudi palace and

remote highway, police said on Tuesday. Darawadi, 35, and Seri, 14, were found murdered in their car on a highway north of Bangkok on Monday, police said. Their assailants damaged the car in an apparent attempt to disguise the inci-

son of Santi Srithanakhan, a gems trader who was arrested on charges of having bought some of the \$20 million of jewellery stolen from the Riyadh palace of a Saudi

turned state witness. police said.

National police chief General Pratin Santipraprob told reporters on Tuesday preliminary examination showed the two were killed

collision. Police are investigating.
Santi's testimony led to the

Kriangkrai stole the jewel

cent of the returned jewellery was fake and forced the police department to reopen the case, with Santi the key state witness.

now face further charges of investigation.

### wound up in Thailand have prince in 1990. He later stolen jewellery after taking been found murdered on a away from Thai worker Kriangkrai Techamong. They Santi's whereabonts were not known. He did not show were convicted but the case is up for his family's funeral, under appeal.

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arrest of at least seven people, including three policemen, on charges of embezzling the

lery in 1990 from a Saudi Arabian palace he worked for. Police said that after arresting and convicting him they returned the jewellery to

Several other policemen

embezzlement and abuse of anthority in the continuing The case has seriously

strained relations between Thailand and Saudi Arabia, which has declared it will not reopen its lucrative labour market to Thai workers until those responsible are

# assess extent of freedom

By Jacques Lhuillery

Agence France Presse BEIRUT — After the cheers that filled private television and radio stations last week when the anthorities lifted a four-month han on news broadcasts, editors are now assessing the extent of their

freedom. "It is true that we've been allowed back on the air but will we really be free or only allowed to broadcast hollow news?" a journalist who declined to be named asked, echoing the concerns of many

Within seconds of Presideut Elias Hrawi ratifying a bill to allow the temporary resumption of private news broadcasts last Friday, parties broke out in broadcasting stations and news program-

mes were back on the air. But the stations were cautioned against broadcasting any political programmes Which could incite religious

The bill was passed overwhelmingly by parliament in mid-July despite strong opposition from Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri's governcleared by the anthorities. ment which ordered the ban When the government ordered the ban on March 23,

was implicated in a February church bombing which killed 11 worshippers, and be has since been indicted on three

to be the freest media in the Arab World. Mr. Jaafar was uncomfortable with the word "self-cen-

in-house rules based on a code of honour. Because, don't forget, Lebanon is still fragile country and one vhich is at war with Israel,"

But at the 1CN channel of Christian business tycoon Henry Sfeir, the mood, said editor-in-chief Antoine Shauniye, is opposed to "making deals at the expense of the right of the people to be

For Mr. Shamiye, there are



Rafik Al Hariri no taboos in news and the

right to inform.

10,425 kilometres and still licking its wounds after 15 years of civil strife, has no less than 52 private television and 100 radio stations. **But Information Minister** Michel Samaha said last

But for some, like the editor of the Sawt Al Watan radio, Mohammad Abi Harfush, self-censorship has long been a norm to "avoid broadcasting information that could fuel religious strife." The fact remains that

Lebanon, a country of only

Thursday he was confident about "the level of (political) maturity in Lebanon, be it in the way people perceive news or how news itself is hroadreal progress very soon.

The King emphasised that the Washington Declaration's reference to ending the state of belligerency between Jordan and Israel is something that he had voiced many years ago, and that Jordan had effectively accepted this notion by subscribing to United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. On Jerusalem, the King

reiterated that Jordan and the Hashemite family have a historic role in the Holy City, and that this role will continue, emphasising that this is a claim made by Jordan not for itself, but for the entire Islamic Ummah.

The King separated the religious dimension from the political stressing that it will be the PLO that will be negotiating over the political final status of Jerusalem in the On relations with Syria and

the question of Arab coordination, the King explained that when he last met with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, he was very frank with him, and that since then President Assad has shown no surprise and had indicated that he was aware of the present mood in Jordan, particularly Jordan's sovereign right to move ahead in pursuit of attaining its rights. The King said that Jordan was the first to point to the lack of coordination and that coordination under any definition means two sides coordinating to reach a certain objective not one side following the other on everything they wish.

On opposition to the peace process in Jordan and else-where, the King said that in terms of the recent acts of violence "we have to brace ourselves for more of that" until the peace process leads to big changes in the region in terms of the psychology of people and when the benefits of peace are seriously felt.

On relations with PLO the King said Jordan would do its utmost to help and support the Palestinian autonomy. In this regard the King stated categorically that Jordan is not interested in taking over political sovereignty what-so-

The King emphasised Jor-

dan's adherence to the 1974 Rabat summit's decision and to the PLO's status as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, until such a time as the Palestinians themselves decide otherwise. Relations with the PLO in the future will be conducted on a case by case basis, the King said.

nian Ambassador in London.

Fouad Ayyouh.

# The meeting was attended by Her Majesty Queen Noor, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Jorda-

### **Experts begin preparatory talks** (Continued from page 1)

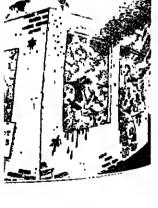
a visit to the Middle East on Saturday. Mr. Christopher may walk across the crossing to inaugu-

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officials said.

Discussions will also be held on estahlishing telephone links between Jordan and Israel, as called for in last week's Washington Declara-

day, the official said.



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### But Riyadh said 75 per object, not the force of a The two were the wife and After cheers, Beirut media coverage to state-run Tele Liban and Radio Liban.

But the new law awaits the

approval of legislation to reg-ulate the media in Lebanon,

where more than 150 broad-

casting stations sprang up most of them illegally — during the 1975-1990 war. As soon as the bill was ratified, the directors of the main private stations met and set np a "self-censorship commission" aimed at deal-

indicial matters. of our freedom. It's not perfect but it's better than nothing," Pierre Daher, head of the strongest channel, the Lebanese Broadcasting Cor-

the first target," Mr. Daher added. He said LBC would steer clear of "sensitive issues such as anything that deals with South Lebanon, internal security, or judicial affairs

ing with sensitive information such as defence, security or "We are recovering some

poration (LBC), told AFP. "Of course we're very happy but we must be on our guard. The media is always

like the Geagea file," adding that judicial reports would be charging that some news broadcasts were inciting religious strife, it also outlawed the Christian Lehanese Forces (LF) party of Samir Geagea who controlled the Dr. Geagea's LF militia

charges punishable by death. Oassem Jaafar, head of the channel NTV, ruled out any attempts to quash freedom of the press in Lebanon, home to what was long considered

sorship. "It is better to speak of

informed."



# Open Israeli markets to boost Palestinian economy

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — They were hardly queuing at the borders Tuesday but Palestinians expect new access to Israeli markets to boost agriculture and help stabilise the economy of the West Bank and Gaza as selfrule takes hold.

Israel officially began a new open door policy to Palestinian agricultural goods Tuesday, the first part of the PLO-Israel economie agreement signed in Paris in April.

Farmers and experts predict Palestinian agriculture will flourish as a result, providing thousands of extra jobs in the West Bank and Gaza's largest economic sec-

But growth will be gradual. It will take months for most Palestinian farmers and distributors to work through all the red tape needed to sell their goods in Israel, meet health requirements and learn how to deal with the market directly.

There was no extra traffic into Israel noticeable on Tuesday. Mahmoud Ali. standing by the roadside selling grapes from his Bethlehem orchard, said the new rules would make no practical difference to him until he could get personal and vehi-

cle permits to enter occupied

"I expect sales to rise by between 15 and 20 per cent in the first year," said Hassib Nashashibi, head of the United Agricultural Company which makes loans to Palestinian farmers. That could rise to 30 per cent in the second year. he said.

"Farmers will now be able to plan a proper policy. Before they were subject to gaps which suddenly appeared in Israeli markets and then disappeared just as suddenly. But marketing remains a major problem," he added.

According to World Bank survey of the Palestinian economy last year, agriculture averaged about 33 per cent of the gross domestie product in the years 1987-1992.

In 1992, it employed 25.8 per cent of the 189,700 workers registered in the occupied territories. But experts say the sector actually absorbs more labour than that, espewith part-time and sea-

Before Tuesday's opening, Israel officially imported be-tween 40,000 and 60,000 tonnes of produce, mostly citrus fruits. But the World Bank estimated smuggling may have reached 75.000 tonnes in 1992, or about 10 per cent of Palestinian production.

Under the economic agreement, Israel will allow free access to all Palestinian produce apart from ponitry, eggs, potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes and melons which are subject to quotas which will gradually be lifted over the next five years.

But the Israeli agriculture ministry blocked the new open door policy for two months until health and safety standards were worked

Bessi, directorgeneral at the ministry, said samples of Palestinian goods would be taken for analysis at the crossing. If specific grow-ers were proved to be sub-standard after a few samples, their produce would be ban-

He told Israel radio the government would try and persuade some uneconomie İsraeli vegetable farmers to either change their produce lines or get out of agriculture altogether.

Israel will pay some 250 million shekels (\$80 million) over the next four years to its own farmers as compensation for inercased Palestinian

### Oman reports lower oil ROME (AFP) — The gov-crnor of the Bank of Italy called Monday for firm meaearnings-

MUSCAT (AFP) - A decline in oil prices this year depressed Oman's earnings from crude exports by nearly 17.4 per cent in the first five months, an official report said Tuesday.

Estnings stood at 444.8 million Omani riyals (\$1.15 billion) compared with 539 million riyals (\$1.4 billion) in the first five mouths of 1993, said the report by the Oman Development Council

Cil prices ittl to their lowest level in this years in March, when dipped to nearly \$13 a to rel. \$8 below the \$21 targ.: .: the Organis Son of Paroleum pixing Countries (OPEC).

But they have surged to more than \$18 because of an oil strike in Nigeria, a key OFEC member, higher than expected demand and other fac.ors.

Courn, which is not an OFEC member, produced an average 726,000 barrels per day (b/d) during the first half of 1093. ODC said.

This compares with a curtent average of 800,000 b/d and experts said the decline was caused by a cut in production of around 40,000 b/d early this year.

### **Bank of Italy chief** calls for spending cuts

sures to reign in public spending and coutrol inflation. warning that the lira's weakness against the German mark masked long-term dangers for prices.
"Credible and lasting" me-

asures had to be taken to reverse the current trend in public finances, Antonio Fazio told deputies during a budget debate.
"It is counter-productive.

to adopt provisional measures," be said, adding that Italy could afford to tackle its \$90 billion debt mountain with structural measures, without hitting the economy

and forcing up unemploy-

Mr. Fazio said the lira was undervalued against the mark by 10 per cent, but warned that although that meant short-term gains for expor-ters it could spark a renewed upward movement in infla-

"An undervalued currency may seem favourable in the short-term for exports but in the longer-term it means in-flation through higher prices for imported goods," be told deputies.

There had been signs of renewed inflationary press-ure in wholesale prices over the last six mouths, he said.

### **Sudan backtracks** on private exports

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan has dropped plans to open up the cotton trade and other principal exports to private business. The ministry of industry and commerce said exports of the country's eight main commodities would be

restricted to state companies.

Export controls had been relaxed for several commodities, including gum Arabic and sesame seeds, over recent years and plans were made to end the state monopoly in

cotton, the most important export crop.

Liberalisation bad been fostered by Abdul Rahim Hamdi, who was replaced as finance minister in a cabinet shake-up last October by Abdulla Hassan Ahmad, the general manager of Sudan's largest Islamic bank.

# Arab Gulf states to align industrial standards

ABU DHABI (R) — Six they submit them to the EU Arab Gulf states are aligning or the United States for any laws on standards for imported industrial products to facilitate trade with their main Western trading part-ners, Gulf officials said Tues-

day.
Industrial cooperation groups from the European Union (EU) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) are expected to meet by early October for technical talks which may include harmonising industrial standards. a GCC official said.

When the GCC is about to produce new standards,

feedback and then take it into consideration, he said by telephone from Riyadh.

The GCC also meets regularly with officials from the U.S. National Institute for Standardisation, which is assisting the six-nation group to coordinate standards on products, he said.

their tariffs to facilitate trade, the GCC wants to increase industrial cooperation and technology transfer with the EU and the United States. with the EU, the two sides will also discuss bilateral industrial investment and training including on customs and tariffs, the official said.

A draft of the standards under discussion within the GCC was provided to Reuters. At least 280 products are under study and have been distributed to GCC states for discussion.

Along with moves to align They include proposed standards for foodstuffs from raw milk to biscuts, construction materials from aluminium to cement, electrical goods including thermostats and radios, chemicals, pet-At the planned meeting

roleum products and textiles. The schedule of approved standards ranges from expiration dates on food products to standards for car tyres.

> "The GCC has : standardised imports of a high-grade car tyre which can withstand heat and high speeds," a Western economist said. "The area is becoming more and more standardised."

He said an example ripe for standardisation was vol-tage. Voltages in Saudi Arabia were closer to those in the U.S. but electronics in the rest of the GCC need transformers.
"The GCC is developing international standards that apply to both European and American products. It will definitely help trade," the

economist said. The six states are also working toward harmonising varying tariffs at the EU's request to facilitate trade in

the region. Although a date has not yet been set, a GCC delegation is to visit the EU to study "how to bring down barriers in the GCC and create a common market," the GCC official said.

### Top ANC official rejects low-wage investors

in S. Africa CAPE TOWN (R) — ANC Secretary-General Cyril Ramaphosa said Monday that Sonth Africa's postapartheid government was not interested in foreign investors looking for low-wage policies and a strike-free en-

Speaking during the first budget debate involving black legislators, Mr. Ramaphosa said there were suggestions that a wave of strikes would drive away investors.

"There are two categories of investors and one of them are the type of investors we do not want," Mr. Ramaphosa said in a departure from a prepared text for his address.

Those investors who want a strike-free covironment and low-wage policies that will lead to the exploitation of workers are the type of investors we do not want in our country."
President Nelson Mandela

met Sonth African union leaders Saturday to discuss a rash of strikes pressuring his 11-week-old ANC-led gov-criment of national unity and appealed for a peaceful resolution of labour conflicts.

Mr. Mandela, whose African National Congress

first all-race elections in April, said last Saturday he was worried industrial unrest could scare investors away. "Those investors who respond to President Nelson Mandela's call, a call for further investment in our country based on the sound

economic policies that this

government is pursuing, are the type of investors we want

(ANC) won South Africa's

in our country," Mr. Ramaphosa said. "They are investors who know that they will be coming to a country that will finally have modern labour laws, labour laws that do not lead to the exploitation of the workers," he said.

# Iran inaugurates major petrochemical complex

BANDAR IMAM, Iran (R) - Iran, triumphing over war damage and the withdrawal of its original Japanese partners, has opened its biggest petrochemical plant 20 years

after it was begun.
The multibillion-dollar complex, inangurated by President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani Monday, makes Iran the second largest producer of petrochemicals in the Middle East.

"I thank the Japanese for starting the project," Mr. Rafsanjani told a group of employees. . "Unfortunately duc to war damages to the site, they discontinued their work. They did not think we would finish it. Now they probably regret it."

Completed with French ssistance, the plant was begun as a 50-50 joint venture with Japanese companies be-fore Iran's 1979 Islamic revolntion and wrecked by Iraqi bombers during the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war.

A changing petrochemical market also dogged the pro-ject and led the Japanese to pull out. Project officials said the

new phase would raise capacity at the complext to 3.0 million tonnes a year, boosting Iran's total annual capacity to produce petrochemicals. to 10 million tonnes. Mehdi Mirmoezi, director-

eneral of the Bandar Imam Petrochemical Co (BIPC), told reporters at the ceremony that a total of \$4 billion was spent on the project and that 30 per cent of its products would be exported. The plant was expected to

help push actual production in the current Iranian year that started on March 21 to 8.0 million tonnes from last year's 5.5 million.

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A financial crisis, triggered

by rapid monetary expansion

and a subsequent run on the

lira in January, deteriorated into recession in the second

TUSIAD forecast GNP

growth of minus 1.8 per cent

for 1994, down from a 5.4 per

It said imports would

shrink in response to lower

domestic demand and a rapid

depreciation of the lira. The

falling lira and a revised in-

centives package for exports

cent rise in 1993.

Turkish industrialists call

revenues by raising taxes on would boost exports in 1994.

Invitation

for medium-term plan

industrialists have called for a nomy,

medium-term stabilisation

programme in Turkey to im-

prove tax collection, allow a

realistic exchange rate and

encourage production.
"The only certain way out
of the crisis is to encourage

production with a high rate of

domestic value added and to.

promote the growth of ex-ports," Turkish Business and Industrialists' Association (TUSIAD) said in an annual

It said the government should reduce the budget and

external deficits and increase

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Officials at the site said the project was completed with the assistance of Technip, oil engineering subsidiary of France's Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine and French credit facilities of \$850 mil-

They said 7,000 Iranian employees are assisted by about 200 experts from France, the Netherlands, Italy and

Germany. The plant would lift Iran among petrochemical producers in the Middle East to second place behind Sandi Arabia, Tehran radio quoted Iranian officials as saying.

Ahmad Rahgozar, deputy oil minister and head of the National Iranian Petrochemical Company, estimated the value of its annual output at between \$800 million and

\$1.0 billion, the radio said. Iran had sold \$900 million of its products in advance to finance part of the construc-

tion, Mr. Rahgozar added. He said the former Japanese partners, led by Mitsui and Co, had invested \$1.5 billion in the project, while Iran had so far invested \$3.0 billion plus 520 billion It is not possible to give a dollar equivalent of the rivals figure because the dollar's official exchange rate has gone from about 70 riyals to 1.749 while the plant has been built.

The plant, about 75 per cent complete at the time of the revolution, was repeatedly bombed by Iraqi planes during the eight-year war, forcing the Japanese to aban-

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don work. Two years after the 1988 ceasefire Mitsui, saying the project was no longer economical in a glutted petrochemical market, withdrew from the partnership, paying Iran 130 billion yen (\$900 million at the time).

A first phase of the plant started in 1990, producing 1.0 million tonnes of liquefied gas a year, the radio said. The plant is fed by natural

gas, gas bounds and naphtha from Ahvaz and Maroou fields and the Abadan oil refinery. It produces various, products including 310,000 tonnes of ethylene and 150,000 tonnes of vinyl chloride per year.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A - time with your loved one. and offer to pay your part. Everything should get back on track after the Venus square to the Moon dissipates.

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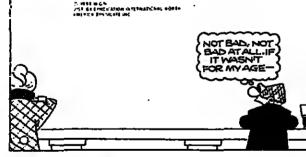
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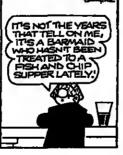
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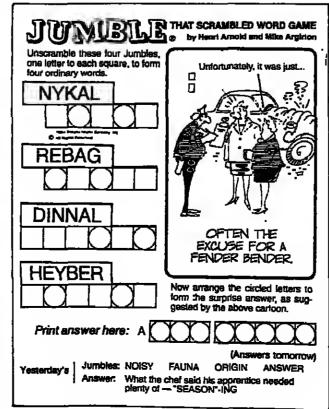
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Swiss Franc	1.3312	1.3320
French Franc	5.4000	5.4975**
Japanese Yen	99.45	99.51
European Curreny Unit	1.2103	1.210944

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French Franc	0.1286	0.1292	
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Swedisk Kropa	***4*	*****	
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Belgian Franc	*****	*****	

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Saudi Rival	0.1847	0.1861	
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3100	2.3500	
Qatari Riyal	0.1894	0.1917	
Egyptian Pound	0.2020	0.2150	
Qmasi Riyal	1.7840	1.7990	
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### **UAE** signs major offset deal with Chase Bank

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The be retained to screen propos-(UAE) has signed a major deal with the U.S. Chase Manhattan Bank for offset investment which could culminate in a \$1 billion venture, UAE officials have

Under the deal, Chase Bank will assist foreign companies seeking to invest in the UAE as part of their offset

Officials said this would help attract more capital from industrial countries. Previously, foreign firms were obliged to develop their own offset investments and many of them had reported difficulties arising from lack

al market, officials told AFP "Under the new deal, contractors with the approval of the UAE Offset Gronp would have a mechanism through which Chase would

of information about the loc-

United Arab Emirates als for, and direct investments in, offset projects ... to create commercially viable enterprises in the UAE," the UAE Offset Group said in a

> It said the agreement would provide an opportunity to international companies to "satisfy part of their offset obligation under the UAE offset programme by means of a joint financial commitment alongside

Chase, one of the biggest banks in the United States which is involved in offset programmes in several countries, will cooperate with the consultancy firm, Finasa Emirates, according to its manager Robert Kaltracian.

The Abu Dhabi-based firm has acted as an adviser to the official UAE Offset Group since it was introduced a few years ago, Mr. Kaltracian

The new deal with Chase Manhattan applies to companies which are registered with the Offset Group. It is up to the group to determine the nature of the deal, whether it is military or civi-

lian." he said.

The official news agency WAM said the deal could give birth to a giant company with a capital of \$1 billion. It said the company, to be based in Abu Dhabi, would sell shares to local and foreign investors involved in

offset contracts. Shares would have a fixed annual interest rate and would be guaranteed by Chase Bank, it added. It gave no other details but bankers said it could be a joint

venture between the govern-ment and UAE businessmen and banks. 'The deal with Chase Manhattan will attract foreign capital into the UAE as it will help investors find business opportunities," a UAE

official said.
The UAE began enforcing offset programmes around six years ago in a bid to attract capital from industrial countries, its main commercia partners and arms suppliers. The programmes cover hope they will include more

# **European Investment Partners** now available to Jordanians

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The way has been cleared for Jordanian entrepreneurs seeking joint ventures with European partners by the conclusion of negotiations between the Kingdom's largest commercial bank and the European Community's Investment

Partners (ECIP) programme. The monthly newsletter of the delegation of the European Communities in Jordan also said the European Investment Bank (EIB) was providing a dual-loan pack-age to help support small and medium-size industries in

The credit includes a 10 million European Currency Units (ECUs), around JD 8.42 million, with an interest subsidy to provide mediumterm financing in industry, and tourism and a two million ECU (JD 1.684 million) loan for risk capital.

Both credits are available to the Industrial Development Bank (IDB), and are being funded from the Euro-

pean Community budget.

The newsletter noted that the IDB has received nine loans from the EIB since 1979, including two from risk capital sources, worth a total of 41.3 million ECUs, or

nearly JD 35 million.

On the ECIP programme, it quoted a senior Arab Bank official as saying that the role of the bank was to act as a mediator, channelling funds from the ECIP to suitable

projects in Jordan. Miffeh Akel, manager of the Arab Bank's Merchant Banking Department, was quoted as voicing confidence that the programme was coming to Jordan at the right time, noting that Jordanian companies were increasingly interested in expanding their investment activities, particularly in areas involving new technology, either through joint ventures or licensing

Mr. Miffieh was quoted as saying that the Arab Bank was keen to see the program-me in operation in Jordan because it provides a poten-tially valuable tool for promoting local industry and creating new jobs.
The ECIP programme

offers four types of facili-- Identification of potential joint venture projects and

partners. - Operations prior to iaunching a joint venture.

— Financing of capital re-

quirements.

-- Human resource development including training and management assistance. The first facility is available only for chambers of commerce, professional associations, public agencies and ECIP financial institutions, while facilities two, three and four are available to private .

companies, the newsletter ...

In the Mediterranean region institutions in Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, Cyprus, Turkey and Israel are already participating in ECIP, it said.

Projects approved in the region include a workshop between industrialists from France, the Maghreb and Egypt to discuss cooperation and joint investment projects in water management and agro-industry; a study for the establishment of a medical supply factory in Morocco; an equity loan for a joint venture in medical equinment manufacture in Morocco; and support for training of personnel in factories in

The European Commission has published a user's guide to ECIP which is available from the delegation of the commission in Amman.

### **U.S. earns \$14.8b** from arms sales

WASHINGTON (AFP) --The United States increased its share of arms sales to the Third World last year to 76 per cent for a total of \$14.8 billion, the Congressional Research Service said in its annual report.

Overall arms sales to the Third World, however, continued to decline in 1993, dropping 22 per cent to \$20.4 billion, from \$26.2 billion in 1992

The end of the cold war and a curtailed demand for weapons in many countries have prompted the decline since arms sales to developing nations peaked at \$61.5 billion in 1988, said the re-

As the leading arms sup-plier to the Third World, the United States saw its sales increase slightly last year from \$14.6 billion in 1992. but its share jumped from 56 to 76 per cent, researchers

The sale of 72 F-15 fighter jets to Sandi Arabia, fc. \$9.5 billion, and of 256 M1-A2 battle tanks to Kuwait, for \$2.2 billion, accounted for 80 per cent of U.S. arms sales to the Third World.

The Middle East remains the largest arms market in the Third World representing 56 per cent of all deals from 1990 to 1993, the report said. Russia, the third-largest supplier of weapons to the

Third World behind the U.S. and Britain, increased its weapons sales last year to \$1.8 billion, from \$1.6 billion in 1992, the researchers said. Before the Soviet Union broke apart in late 1991, its third-world weapons sales peaked at \$27 billion in 1987.

### European airlines see profits in passenger growth

BRUSSELS (AFP) — European airlines, which have lurched from crisis to near bankruptcy during the recession, are recovering towards profits on a nine per cent in-crease in passenger traffic in line with world trends, trade figures showed Tuesday.

The secretray general of the Association of European Airlines (AEA) Karl-Heinz Neumeister, said that the figures, together with costcutting programmes introduced by airlines, seemed to point to a "period of prosper-ity, at last."

AEA figures showed that the number of passengers carried by European airlines had increased by 9.8 per cent in June from the figure in June 1993, taking the increase in the first half of the yer to 9.1 per cent, trade digures showed Tuesday.

In June passenger traffic had risen in all regions of the world except in North Africa where it had fallen by 3.9 per

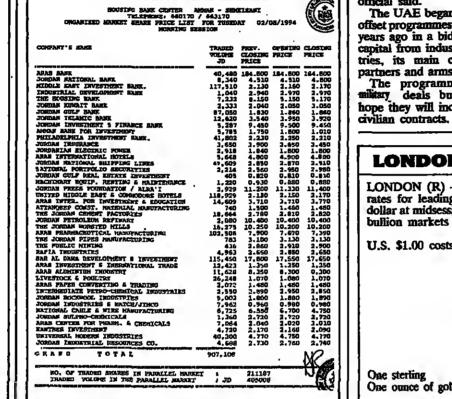
Traffic in South America had risen by 13.4 per cnet and in the Far East by 12.7 per

The number of passengers carried across the North Atlantic Ocean had risen by 8.6 per cent and traffic within Europe by 9.5 per cent.

The percentage of seats occupied per flight on average had risen to the highest for a month of June to 71.6 per cent and in the first half of the year it was 66 per cent. Freight business had grown

by 17 per cent in June and by

13.1 per cent during the first six months of the year. The AEA groups 24 European airlines, among which are British Airways, Air France, Lufthansa, KLM, Alitalia, SAS and Swissair.



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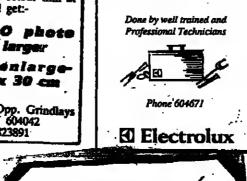
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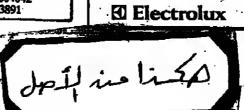
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# **IOC** supports Goodwill Games goalkeeper Pagliuca

ST. PETERSBURG (R) — self The Goodwill Games, N spawned in the cold war as a and the Goodwill Games response to successive Olympic boycotts, have now received the stamp of approval from the Olympic movement.

The games were conceived by Atlanta cable television mogul Ted Turner in 1985 to give American athletics the chance to compete against their Soviet counterparts.

- The first games were staged in Moscow in 1986, the second four years later in Seattle and the third have reached the halfway stage in St. Petersburg, city of the

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President "Juan Antonio Samaranch was conspicuous presence at last Saturday's opening ceremony and Monday Turner said the IOC chief now fully sup-ported the concept of the four-year multi-sports games.

The Olympic guys were smarting," Turner told a news conference as he recalled his brash promise to set up his own multi-sports event. "There was a lack of communication between the Olympic officials and my-

Now, Turner said, the IOC organisers were dealing with the same sporting federations and he was consulting regularly with Samaranch.

"It makes sense for us to do that," Turner said. "And I wish we had done that from the very beginning.
"Somebody asked (Samar-

anch): 'You were against the Goodwill Games in 1980, now you're for it' and he said 'that's right'.'

Turner said the original intent of the games had been to stop the Olympie boycott. "If you recall there were two Olympic boycotts," Tur-ner said. "And then the

Olympics went to Snuth Korea (the 1988 Seoul Olympics). Russians didn't have diplomatie relations with "The Olympic committee voted to take a very, very

ing the Olympic boycott.
"I'm willing to bet that without the Goodwill Games the Soviet and eastern bloc teams would not have gone to South Korea."

controversial place consider-

# Italy's ioins Inter

MILAN (R) — Italian World Cup goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuea has joined Internazionale from Sampdoria in an exchange deal which sees former national team players Walter Zenga and Riccardo Ferri moving in the opposite direction.

Inter confirmed the deal had been finalised at a press conference Monday. Paglinca, 27, has signed a four-year contract with the Milan Club.

The goalkeeper had a mixed World Cup, serving a two-match suspension for a sending-off, but returning and performing well as Ita-ly reached the final.

He will replace the popular Zenga, his predecessor as Italy's number one, between the posts for Inter. Ferri, a defender, won 45 caps for Italy but has been troubled by injury in recent



Gianinea Paglinea

# Volkov survives scare at Los Angeles Open

LOS ANGELES (R) — Fourth seed Alexander Volkov of Russia survived a scare in the first round of the 313,750 Los Angeles Open

Monday. Vnlkov saved two match points before beating American Bryan Shelton 6-7, 7-6, 6-3 in two hours and 37 minutes to safely reach the second round of the hard court event.

Fifth-seeded Dntchman Richard Krajicek used his booming serve to successfully begin his title defence with a 7-6, 6-1 victory over American Michael Joyce.

Krajicek took control by dominating the tie-break 7-1 and never let Joyce back into

Eighth seed Karsten Brasch of Germany rolled past South African qualifier David Nainkin 6-3, 6-0 complete an upset-free opening

day.
Top seed Michael Chang,
Boxis Becker second seed Boris Becker and third seed Andre Agassi, fresh from his title at the Canadian Open Sunday, were scheduled to play their opening-round matches

Volkov, ranked 27th in the world, quickly fell behind the

93rd-ranked Shelton 2-5 m the first tie-break after both players held their serves throughout the set. Shelton kept on the attack and closed out the tie-break 7-5.

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The second set was a near carbon copy of the first as neither Shelton nor Volkov could produce a service break. Volkov did turn away one break point, which was also a match point, in the 12th game with a forehand

Shelton reached his second match point at 6-5 in the second set tie-break. But the American double-faulted and Volkov took advantage of the misuse as the fourth seed went on to win 9-7.

The hard-serving Shelton pounded 15 aces, but he also hit 10 double faults and Volkoy maintained the momentum from his tie-break who in the deciding set.

Volkov said the first match point was saved by skill, but he admitted that luck played a role in his ability to turn back the second one.
"We were both playing so

hard and the score was also so close that I knew I could win the first match point," Volkov said.

### **Dream Team II makes** reality harsh for foes

TORONTO (AFP) —
Dream Team II has inflicted a harsh reality on the other 15 teams arriving here for the Wnrld Baskethall Championships - they are all play-

ing for second place.
The 12 National Basketball Association (NBA) stars rep-resenting the United States are likely to repeat the gold medal success of the original Dream Team from the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Even a second-place showing is a lnfty goal for all but Croatia in the 16-team world finals that begin Thursday and conclude August 14.

"We should beat anybody we play handily, so we just have to prepare to beat any-body who comes along." U.S. coach Don Nelson said. "I think Croatia will be the best opponent, but I'm not 100 per cent sure. You can be surprised in the international game." Rivals agree that no Team II, which assembled only two weeks before their opening game Thursday bronze," Kukoc said. "We

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impossible so we should be satisfied with silver," Croatia coach Giuseppe Giergia said, Dream Team II includes Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo

Mourning at centre, forwards Dominique Wilkins, Shawn Kemp, Larry Johnson and Dominique Wilkins plns guards Reggie Miller, Joe Dumars, Kevin Johnson, Mark Price, Dan Majerle and Steve Smith.

"They are a bunch of young guys who haven't won anything yet," Nelson said.
"Until we have that gold medal around our necks, we have to win by as much as we can. We're not taking anything for granted. We're working hard to be ready."

Barcelona silver medallist Croatia is a solid favourite to finish second again behind NBA players Toni Kukoc of Chicago and Dino Radja of Boston plus . centre Stojan Vrankovic.

gold. We will take the silver and Canada will win the have to realize it will be hard "Taking the gold seems to achieve that and play with

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Host Canada has a strong position in the battle for third, led by Boston's Rick Fox and NBA draft pick William Njoku. Several other teams will not bave their complete lineups here.

Australia will play without Chicago centre Lne Longley, who is at home with his bride of 12 months Kelly awaiting the birth of their first child. Another Olympie veteran, Andrew Gaze, will spark the Oceania champions along Oceania champions along with forward Andrew Vla-

Brazil will play without former mainstays Oscar Schmidt and Marcel Sousa, who re-tired. Germany goes without Seattle's Detlei Schrempt, who declined to play, and Philadelphia centre Christian Welp, who underwent shoulder surgery.

Puerto Rico boasts a team together, including centre Ramon Rivas and forward Jose Ortiz. An experienced Russian squad also figures to challenge.

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# Legacy of 1984 Olympics survives—in streets, pools, gyms

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A decade ago, the Olympics provided Los Angeles a shining moment, a charmed time for a city that in later years was battered by rioting, earthquakes and fires.

While those glorious weeks of light freeway traffie, a drop in crime, and smiling strangers saying "hello" on the streets are a distant memory, the legacy of the 1984 games lives on in Los Angeles.

In the unlikely setting of an inner city beach volleyball court, Rose Villacarlos dives into the sand bauled in from the seaside, slaps the ball skyward, and yells in delight as a teammate spikes it over

Across town in east Los Angeles, father Carmine Vairo watches approvingly as youngsters whoop and slip down the slide and into the

Near downtown Los Angeles, Richard Allen looks around the old huilding being transformed into a state-ofthe-art gymnasium and explains how he envisions it as a haven where children and their parents who live in a 'war zone' of gangs and crime can come to work out or to watch amateur boxing

Over hy the coliseum, Robert Arellanes talks about the kids in sports programme that will give urban youths and their parents the binding, growing tradition in sports that suburban kids enjoy. At Dorsey High School in south central Los Angeles, Monika Schloder demonstrates to a group of minority coaches the latest methods of teaching youngsters how to swim.

The 15-year-old Villacarlos, the youngsters at the Salesian Boys and Girls Cinh, the children and parents who will use Allen's gym, and the nthers are benefitting from the 1984 Olympics.

Those games, which began on July 28, were the first free-enterprise Olympics and left a gift for amateur sports in America and for youth in southern California in par-The \$225 millinn profit

from the LA Olympics was divided among the U.S. Olympic Committee and va-rious national sports federa-

tions, which received 60 per cent, and the Amateur Athletics Foundation (AAF) in Los Angeles, which received \$90.6 million, the other 40 per cent.

The AAF uses interest carned on its share of the money to grant funds to establish. yooth programmes, initiate its own programmes, and for a wide variety of other programmes to benefit amateur and youth sports. As of March, the foundation had spent \$57.3 million, including 625 grants totalling \$27.5 millioo.

"To me, it's amazing," Vairo said. "I was in Canada before I came here, and they're still paying off their debts from the Olympics in Montreal"

The Los Angeles games, which breathed new life into the Olympic movement, were the first without heavy goverament involvement. Much of the profit came from sponsorships sold to corporations, and the LA Olympic Committee also was able to save money by using existing facilities for most sports and

Atlanta, host of the 1996 Olympics, will have to huild more facilities for its games, and it plans to donate those facilities as its main bequest. "We learned a lot just from

meeting with people from Los Angeles," said Boh Brennan, spokesman for the Atlanta nrganising committee. "We continue to pick the brains of those people there who can help us." "I think the uniqueness of

the '84 games had to do with the fact that we worked cooperatively with govern-ment," said Anita Defrantz, who was in charge of the Olympic athletes' housing at the university of Sonthern California 10 years agn and now is the University of Southern California 10 years ago and now is the president of the AAF and a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive

"We paid for extra services from government, such as security, but ours was a contractual relationship with government."

The bottom line was a huge

The AAF, in addition to the programme for youths, maintains a sports memorial eollection that includes American football cleats worn by Jim Thorpe, Jack Dempsey's hoxing gloves, and a track shoe worn by Jesse Owens, the foundation also maintains the most extensive sports library in the world, and conducts surveys, seminars and conference on a variety of topical sports

"Our mission is to serve youth through sports," De-frantz said. "We do that by enhancing the understanding that the community has of sports...

"We had a conference here on the (money) crisis in high school sports. We've had national conference on issues such as steroid abuse, gender stereotyping, the electronic

The AAF is boused in a renovated mansion near downtown. Also on the grounds are the library and a pavilion for conference. The centre serves as a think tank for amateur sports.

We like to work with new ideas," Defrantz said. "Fnr example, among the things we do well is our coaching programme. We've done soem innovative things, including using the interactive high jump video disk, which the state high school champ this year used to better his

The most obvious beneficiaries, however, are the kids' programmes, with funds going to subrubs and cities alike in Los Angeles, San

Diego and Ventura counties.
"Without the AAF, there would be no boxing rings in here, no heavy bags, nn speed bags," Allen said at the soon-to-be-open gym. "This is going to help change some lives. I tell the kids that when a kid yells at you, 'Hey, you wanta fight?' bring them in

Recalling the spirit of the 1984 Olympics, Defrantz nnted that some of it seemed evident during the recent World Cup games, which were played at the Rose Bowl.

"LA had proven it's a wonderful hig-even city," she

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Amunike Joins Sporting Lisbon

LISBON (AFP) - Nigerian World Cup striker Emmanuel Amunike is at the centre of a transfer tug-of-war between Sporting Lisbon and German club Duisburg. Amunike signed a three-year contract with the Portuguese club here late Monday, turning his back on a prior agreement to join the Bundesliga, "Amunike was under pressure when he signed the contract with Duisburg," said Sousa Cintra, president of Sporting Lisbon, announcing the new signing. He said the German club had made no contact with Amunike's previous chub, African champious Zamalek of Cairo. "FIFA will have to rule on this problem," he added. Amunike, one of the inspirations of the Nigerian side Amunike, one of the inspirations of the Nigerian side which almost beat Italy in the second round of the World Cup in Boston, Massachusetts, was forced to sign for the German club, according to Cintra, invalidating the deal. "Amunike only signed because of pressure from Nigerian coach Clemens Werterhoff, who told the player that unless he signed he would not be picked to play during the World Cup," said Cinta. Westerhoff ended a five-year term as Nigerian coach at the end of the World Cup. Nigerian coach at the end of the World Cup.

### Piecknik returns to Denmark

COPENHAGEN (R) — Danish first division side AGF Kontratfodbold said Mooday they had signed central defender Torben Piecknik from Liverpool in a two-year contract. Piecknik, 31, joined Liverpool from FC Copenhagen after winning the European championship with Denmark in 1992, but saw little premier division action in his second season in England.

### Van Almsick off to U.S.

BERLIN (AFP) - Franziska van Almsick, the 16-year-old German swimming star, is moving to Florida after the world championships in Rome next month. Almsic said she would enrol at high school in Color Springs, because 'T nrust improve my English." She will continue to compete, notably in the World Cup in Germany next February, her manager Werner Koester said.

### Greek coach to quit

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Following Greece's disastrous first showing at this summer's World Cup soccer championship, coach Alketas "Alkis" Panagoulias said Monday he would end his association with the national team. Panagoulias sent a letter to the Greek Soccer Federation saying that he did not want to renew his contract that ends Ang. 31. The 60-year-old coach thanked the federation for having entrusted him with the national team. Panagoulias, a former coach of the U.S. national team, coached Greece since 1992, helping it win its first ticket to the World Cup's final rounds. But this victory was forgotten in a blizzard of goals that overwhelmed the team in the first round in the United States. Greece lost 4-0 to Argentina, 4-0 to Bulgaria, and 2-0 to Nigeria, leaving for home with the tournament's poorest showing. Panagoulias blamed his players, saying they were cowed by the competition, players blamed their coach, saying he made poor choices in his lineups and tactics. Newspapers demanded Panagoulias'. sacking. He went to the United States as a student in 1961 and later became a dual citizen. He was hired in 1983 to coach team America which was part of the North American Soccer League and also served as the U.S. national squad. He led the U.S. soccer team at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, but the Americans failed to qualify for the 1986 World Cup and Panagoulias returned to Greece to coach a series of clubs before taking the helm of the Greek national

### Martinez edges up MIAMI, Florida (AFP) — Spain's Conchita Martinez,

winner at Stratton Mountain, edged closer to the second place in the women's world tennis ranking published

That number two spot is held by her compatriot Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario - Martinez's victim in the American tournament final on Sunday.

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### World champions coach quits

- U.S. women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance, who guided his team to the FIFA world title in 1991, has resigned and will be replaced by assistant Tony DiCicco.

Dorrance, 43, has guided the U.S. women to a 58-22 mark with five drawn since talking over the club in 1986. He has guided North Carolina to 12 U.S. college titles.

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CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP)

### **Graf leads opposition** to five set open final

MELBOURNE (R) — Germany's world oumber one Steffi Graf led the opposition in defeating a move to play next year's Australian Open women's singles final over the best of five sets, tournament director Paul McNamee said Tuesday.

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Graf, who will defend her title at Melbourne's Flinders Park next January, was supported by virtually all the top women players, tournament director Paul McNamee told

"Steffi's coach Heinz Gunthardt told me she saw no reason to change from the traditional best-of-three set final," said McNamee, twice a Wimbledon men's donhles

"I am a little bit disappointed butthere was no doubt this was virtualaly unanimous view amongst the top 10 ranked players," added McNamee.

McNsmee, who announced the proposed change after taking up his position in March, said it was aimed at providing spectators with greater value for money. In January, Graf defeated Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the final 6-0, 6-2 in

just 58 minutes. "The players clearely felt it wass not in the best interests of the women's game and we will respect that view," said

### Medvedeva gets confidence boost in Carlsbad tourney

CARLSBAD, California (R) - Tenth seed Natalia Medvedeva of Ukraine received a much needed confidence boost by scoring a lopsided victory over Nathalie Herreman of France in the first round of the \$400,000 Toshiba Tennis Classie Monday.

Medvedeva, a first-round losers in five of her last six tournaments, crushed Herreman 6-0, 6-2 for an all too rare 1994 victory.
"It was difficult because I

didn't win a match in so long ... It felt like a century ago," said the 33rd-ranked Med-

"It was one of my best matches in the last four months," added Medvedeva, whose first-round victory in Prague in May was her lone match win since the Lipton Championships in March.

Ann Grossman, seeded 12th, also breezed into the second round with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over fellow American Carrie Cunningham.

"I helieved in myself. That's why it looked and felt sn easy," said the 43rd-ranked Grossman.

Marketa Kochta of Germany became the first seeded player to fall when the 13th seed was npended by Jana Nejedly of Canada 6-3, 5-7,

The world's top three players - top-ranked australian Open champion Steffi Graf, French Open winner Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Wimbledon title holder Conchita Martinez - all received firstround byes in the 56-player hardcourt event.

Graf will begin defence of her title against Alexia Dechanne Balleret of France, who ousted American Stephanie Reece 6-2, 6-2. Sixth seed Natalia Zvereva

of Belarus was forced to withdraw from the tournament when she suffered a stress fracture of the upper rib

# Cambodia to join 1995 SEA Games

BANGKOK (AFP) - Cam- tries under one roof, accordbodia, absent from major; ing to Santiparb who represporting competition for sents the IOC committee in years, will be contender in the 1995 Sootheast Asia (SEA) Games in Thailand, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) official

The SEA Games ruling board voted unanimously Monday to include Cambodia in its bi-annual games, which are to be held oext year in Thailand's northern province of Chiang Mai, the IOC's

Santiparb Techavanich said.

The games would be the first sporting event to include all 10 Southeast Asian coun-

Cambodia's governmentstatus, however, and continued competing in the SEA Games until 1989. That year,

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.I.—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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North East South West

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\$\text{A552}\$\$ \quad \text{Q1083}\$\$ three tricks. Since partner's response has improved your hand,} The bidding has proceeded:
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What do you bid now?

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A.—Since partner's range can be about 12-15, you don't have quite enough to jump all the way to three mo trump. However, you do have the values for an invitational raise to two no trump, saking partner to bid game with a hand at the top of the range.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you bold: #7 VA97 OQJ6 +AKIOB73 The bidding has proceeded:
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What do you bid now?

A.—We have no objection to raising partner's major-suit response with three-card support, but only if no better hid is available. Here, you have a good six-card suit of your own and the choice should lie between two and three clubs. With this hand we would bid only two clubs.

Q3-As South, vulnerable, you

What do you bid now? A.—The same hand and same situ-stion as in the previous example, except the red-suit holdings have been switched. Whereas the queen-

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The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
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Thailand. In 1977, the IOC effective-

ly banned Cambodia from its competitions, including the Asian Games and Olympics, the government.

in-exile ignored the outlaw Laos and Vietnam protested Cambodia's presence, forcing host Malaysia to drop the Cambodian teams from the

### **GOREN BRIDGE**

jump to three clubs. Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:

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The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

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7 What action do you take?

A.—Partner could have shown a maximum no trump and good trump support by making a cue-bid. Since he did not take that action, it is doubtful whether the combined

is doubtful whether the combined holding will stretch to alam. You have no margin of safety at the five-level, so pass.

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

•K6 Q954 0A9742 4J6

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

A.—We know there's a school that A.—We know there's a school that insists on responding to a minor-suit opening with a four-card major regardless of the distribution, but as far as we're concerned achool's out! We bid one diamond, than raise hearts if partner introduces hearts or ignore the suit if he does not.

Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: •KJ65 VAJ682 0A2 •74 e KJ65 VAJ632 0A2 074
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?
A.—No spade raise does your hand justice. We suggest you start with two hearts to show your source of tricks, then raise spades vigorously thereafter.



# Seles and Capriati invited

NEW YORK (AFP) — Former world number-one Monica Seles and current rankings leaders Steffi Graf and Pete Sampras are amning celebrities invited to compete at a pre-United States Open Tennis benefit here in memory of Arthur Ashe. Also on the list of those wanted at the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS Tennis

Challenge is Jennifer Capriati - the teenager who quit the WTA tour last year and who has been treated for drug abuse. American comedians Bill Cosby and Alan King will serve as masters of ceremony for the Aug. 28 event, which comes one day before the start of U.S. Open play at the U.S. Tennis Centre here. Others invited to play inelude Andre Agassi, John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova, who is expected to make the open her final Grand Slam event. The Ashe Foundation, formed in 1992, has raised more than four millinn dullars to combat AIDS, which contributed to the death of the former tennis star that originated

# Former captain of Australia calls for league overhaul

SYDNEY (R) — Australian soccer's most respected former player has warned his country would be doomed to mediocrity internationally unless the domestic league was scrapped and replaced with a new competition.

Former national team captain Johnny Warren wants the complete overhaul of Australia's semi-professional National Soccer League (NSL) to improve standards and increase public and corporate support. Warren 51, made a mem-

ber of the British empire (MBE) in 1993 for his services to the game, said the NSL, with a majnrity of clubs aligned to Australia's Greek. Italian and Croatian communities, was stunting soccer's growth. "If we are serious about

our national side competiting on the world stage we must have a professional set-up, which the existing clubs are incapable of properly providing," Warren told Reuters. "Unless we make some

almost impossible to bridge the gap with the traditional soccer nations," be added.
Warren made the last of his

46 international appearances at the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, the only occasion Australia has qualified for the finals. Although it attracts the largest number of junior

players, soccer trails far behind the rival codes of rugby league and Australian rules as a spectator sport, attracting crowds of less than 5,000 drastie changes we will find it to all but a handful of games.

# Alliot gets McLaren vote to replace banned Hakkinen

LONDON (Agencies) — Frenchman Philippe Alliot will replace Finn Mika Hakkinen in the MeLaren-Peuegot team for the Hungarian Grand Prix Aug. 14, the team confirmed Tuesday.

A MeLaren spokesman said it had been an automatic decision. "Philippe is our third driver and therefore he replaces Mika," said spokesman Norman Howell.

Alliot has tested the McLaren this year but had not previously been selected to race, Briton Martin Brundle having partnered Hakkinen in the nine races to

Hakkinen was hanned from the Hungarian race by stewards of the ruling body, the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), after causing a five-car crash at the start of the last Sunday's German Grand Prix.

Alliot, 40, had his first Formula One drive in 1984 and has competed in 107

### **Pakistan** banned by FIFA

ZURICH, Switzerland (AFP) -- The Pakistan Foothall Federation, split into warring factions, have been suspended indefinitely from all international competition by FIFA, football's world governing body.

According to FIFA, two factions within the federation are battling for control of football in Pakistan. "On July 28th, FIFA was

forced to suspend the federa-tioo indefinitely," said a spokesman at FIFA's headquarters here. Under FIFA statutes, federation officials are banned

from taking disputes to civil "Disputes must be sorted out within the federations themselves without resort to the courts," the spokesman grands prix, most recently last year for Larronsse-Lamborghini.

He was remer-up in the World Sports Car Championship with Peugeot in

Alliot will test the McLaren at the British Silverstone circuit Wednesday as part of a three-day McLaren test programme in which Hakkingo and Brundle will also drive, Howell said. Hakkinen, the known as the "flying Finn," was ban-

ned for one race by FIA. "Hakkinen eaused an avoidable collision and forced drivers off the track," FIA said on announcing the han that will keep the driver out of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The Finn was racing at Hockenheim after heing given a suspended nne-race ban last Tuesday for a breach of the rules at the British Grand Prix at Silverstone three weeks ago.

Hakkinen collided with

Tyrrell, and David Coulthard, in a Williams, crashing off both into a spin across the track which resulted in Blundell also hitting German Heinz-Harald Frentzeo's

Sauber. Frentzen was forced off the track and into the first gravel trap with a puncture and broken suspension. Both Jordans, driven by Briton Eddie Irvine and Brazilian Rubens Barrichello, were also forced to retire after being caught up

in the accident. Only Coulthard was able to continue, after having a nose cone replaced, but he retired later with electrical prob-

The incident resulted in all of the drivers involved being called to a stewards inquiry after which Hakkinen's sus-

pension was announced. . The MeLaren team said immediately that they would not lodge any protest at the

### Kamsky stuns Anand in 6th game of world chess

HYDERABAD, India when thier sixth game was (AFP) - Gata Kamsky of the United States kept his hopes alive in the world chess quarterfinals here with a stunning victory over India's Vishwanathan Anand in the sixth game late Monday.

Anand ran up a comfortable 3.5-1.5 lead after the fifth game of the eight-match tie, but Kamsky roared back into contention by forcing the Indian to resign on the 45th

The highly-rated Indian grandmaster still holds the edge, needing to draw the remaining two games to move into the next round.

The 20-year-old Kamsky, who is now just one point behind Anand, will have to win at least one of those games to force the match into the tie-breaker.

Boris Gelfand of Belarus and Vladimir Kramnik of Russia cootinued their neckto-neck race for supremacy

adjourned after 60 moves. Both players are tied at 2.5 points each, hnt Gelfand appears to be in a better positing to win the sixth In the third quarterfinal,

Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman and Valery Salov of Russia drew the fifth game after 61 moves. Timmman hulds a one

point lead at 2.5-1.5, hut Salov is expected to draw level wheo the adjourned fourth game is played. . The Siberia-born Kamsky

adopted a new opening strategy by playing the un-familiar king pawn and hank-ed on the Sicilian defence to ontwit the unusually lethargic Australiao grandmaster

Ian Rogers, a keen spectatn: at the matches here, said Anand "went down like a

### Simpson's push to trial is clever but risky manoeuvre –

LOS ANGELES (AP) — inadmissible. O.J. Simpson, who was known for rushing on the defendant's wish to prove his football field, seems intent oo setting a record for the fastest start of a murder trial in recent court history. Legal experts see the tactie as risky.

but clever. They said that defence lawyer Robert Shapiro's push to go to trial within 60 days after arraignment could indicate a number of motives, among them:

-Force the prosecution to present an incomplete case that's indequate to convict Simpson and then rest without presenting any defence.

-- Avoid the issue of DNA

evidence by going to trial before scientific tests are completed or before defence experts can do their own tests and argue the material is

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- Yield to an impatient innocence and get out of jail

as soon as possible. "The bottom line is they're trying to swamp the prosecution with so much work they won't be adequately pre-pared for trial," Loyola Law Sehnni Professor Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor, said of the defence rush for judgment.

"Everybody, including judge (Lance) Ito is going to have to work around the clock to get the case to trial within the time limit."

Prosecutors are sharply limited in seeking delays, attorneys and legal scholars said, because the speedy trial right is seen as belonging to the defendant. Hnwever, such an issue as incomplete

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After a hearing last Friday in which Shapirn stunned prosecutors by urging a trial right after Labour Day (Sept. 5), the judge set Sept. 19, to meet the statutory 60-day speedy trial requirements.

But the speed tactic is risky, said defence attorney Harland Branan, who has handled several high-profile

"Generally it takes a long time to think through your strategy and figure everything out," Braun said. "The facts of cases are like crystals. Every time you look at it you see different facets. ... Usually the defence thinks the longer it goes on the better."

Braun added that witnes-

ses' memories fade and prosecution evidence becomes stale over time.

To rush a case to triala, Braun said, may indicate the

defence believes the prosecu- experts consulted. tion can't prove guilt. "In that case, they're going to make their case (by attacking) the prosecution evidence and they're not going to put on a defence."

UCLA law professor Peter Arenella said he's never heard of a double homicide case going to trial in 60 days

and neither had any other

"It's unique, like everysaid Arenella, who suggested that Simpson's status as a wealthy defendant makes such a move possible.

"He has such a huge number of lawyers working for him that they can pull off such a gambit," he said.

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Journalists protest Al Nahar ciosure

TUNIS (AP) — The International Federation of Journalists has protested Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat's closure of a newspaper, calling it an "intolerable violation of press." In a statement signed by Aiden White, the Brussels-based organisation's secretary-general, urged Mr. Arafat to reverse his decision to shut down Al-Nahar newspaper. Its closure Monday left Jerusalem with just one daily, the Al Quds. "Chairman Arafat and his colleagues have a duty to protect all shades of opinion in the Palestinian media, even those they may not like," the

### Arafat's 'copters grounded in Egypt

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Two Palestinian helicopters are stranded in the Egyptian town of El Arisb while Israel and the Palestinians wrangle over their licensing, a senior official said Tuesday. Abdul Aziz Haj Ahmad, transport minister in the new Palestinian authority, told AFP that Israel would not allow the choppers to be flown into the autonomous Gaza Strip unless they were registered first. "And they can't be registered with us until we hring them in. This is a typical situation of which comes first?" he said. "The Israelis want them registered, but they haven't said where. And we can't register them under the Palestine National Authority while they are ahroad." The helicop-ters, which are for official use hy Yasser Arafat and his entourage, have been stranded in El Arish for more than a

### Lawver reports Lockerbie contacts with U.K.

DUBAI (R) - A lawyer for two Lihyans suspected of involvement in the Lockerbie hombiog has said contacts were under way with Britain to select a panel of jndges, including one Muslim, who would try the men at the Hague. Ihrahim Legwell told the London-based Al Wasat magazine, received by Reuters on Tuesday, that the contacts were taking place through third parties, whom he did not identify. "The current talks with Britain through third parties aim at selecting the names and number of judges ... of whom one could be a Muslim and the rest from neutral countries." the Libyan lawyer was quoted as

### Dirani gives Arad information — israel

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli interrogators have obtained information about missing airman Ron Arad from a lidnapped Lehanese guerrilla leader, military officials said on Tuesday. "New details have emerged about the fate of Ron Arad during the investigation of Mustapha Dirani," said General Herzl Bodinger, Israeli air force commander. "These details, which cannot be divulged, are likely to help 115 in discussions and contacts currently taking place behind the scenes" to find Arad, Gen. Bodinger told Israeli radio. He said Arad, who has been missing since be was shot down over Lebanon in 1986, was "held hy an Iranian group or a group supported by and acting under the orders of

### israel accepts denial of remark

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel said on Tuesday it was satisfied with British Consul-General Dalton's denial of reports he had likened Israeli behaviour in occupied lands to the Nazis and Hamas to a World War II resistance group. "The consul denied be made the comparison," foreign ministry spoitesman Rafi Gamzou said. "He said this is the self-image of (the Islamic Resistance Movement) Hamas and this is their image among Palestinians - but it is not his comparison." I would say for the instant this is closed." israel's Yedioth Ahronoth daily said on Tuesday Israel sought clarifications after hearing that Mr. Dalton, in a closed briefing to British Labour Party supporters, said Israel acted in occupied lands like the Nazis and Hamas was like a World War II resistance group. Mr. Gamzou would not say how the alleged comments came to the attention of the foreign ministry.

### Kuwait begins pay-outs to invasion victims

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - The Kuwaiti government began paying compensation to victims of the Iraqi occupation on Tuesday. An initial sum of \$1.39 million was paid to 303 Kuwaiti families, said Abdul Rahman Al Huti, chairman of the committee in charge of evaluating compensation payments. Mr. Huti told reporters here that compensation would be paid to people who were injured or lost a close relative, child or spouse during the Iraqi occupation of August 1990 to February 1991. Pay-outs would be limited to \$10,000 per family, he said. In June, Kuwait asked the United Nations compensation commission for \$94.8 hillion to compensate individual, private and public losses susmined during the occupation.

### U.S. to sell missiles to Turkey

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Defence Department said Monday it planned to sell nearly 600 missiles to Turkey at an estimated cost of \$137 million. The sale includes 500 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, 80 Amraam air-to-air missiles and 16 Harpoon shiplaunched-guided missiles. The proposed sale would help improve the military capabilities of Turkey and contribute to U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives, the Pentagon said in a statement. Principal contractors for the missiles are Raytheon Co., Loral Corp., Hughes Aircraft and McDonnell-Douglas Corp.

### Kuwait, Russia study investment pact

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait and Russia are negotiating an accord to encourage investment between the two countries. the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported on Monday. "The agreement will cover... the freedom of cash flow between the two countries and the freedom of currency exchange. Kuwait Investment Authority official Abdellen Al Ramadhan was quoted as saying. Mr. Ranadhan, director of direct and real estate investment at KIA, the government's investment arm, said the agreement would provide for the protection of investments from non-trade risks such as civil disobedience. A Kuwaiti delegation would have talks on the accord with Russian officials in Moscow on Aug. 8, he added. The KIA is looking into the feasibility of some Russian projects, he added without elaborating.

### West a base for Islamists --- Ben Ali

PARIS (R) - The asylum policies of the United States. France and Britain are making them rear bases for Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas, Tunisian President Zine Ben Ali said. Mr. Ben Ali, who has outlawed Tunisia's "Al Nahda" fundamentalist movement, told the French daily Le Figaro is was now up to the West to fight Islamists. "Now, fundamentalism is your problem. I mean the problem of Paris, London, Washington," he said in the interview published on Tuesday. "France, Britain, the United States are being used as rear bases for fundamentalist terrorists...in the name of freedom and democracy, you are giving asylum to the enemies of freedom and democracy," he said. Mr. Ben Ali said he did not fear the spread to Tunisia of political violence that has been engulfing neighbouring Algeria. "I do not fear infection from Algeria because Tunisia is a healthy body," he said. He said he trusted Algeria's army-backed government would win its fight against fundamentalists. "The situation in Algeria is delicute, but it remains manageable," he said. "I am convinced the hrotherly Algerian people will overcome the ordeal it is going through."



CAMBODIA OPENING UP: A Phnom Penh moneychanger counts his money near the Olympic market. Against a background of corruption, rebellion, banditry and political instability after decades of war, Cambodia is slowly trying to put its devastated

economy in order. Agriculture is one of the main sources of income for the Cambodians, but perpetual tension is depriving them of an atmosphere conducive to farming (AFP photo)

# Algerian Islamists report

PARIS (R) — Algeria's main Muslim opposition move-ment, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), reported a split in its leadership on Tuesday and said two leaders had been ousted after advocating a merler with more radical

split

"A FIS statement faxed to Paris said two members of the movement's 12-man leadership in exile bad left: Anonar Haddam Washington-based leader of the FIS parliamentary group, and Ahmad Zaoui, an academic living in Belgium.

"Anonar Haddam and Ahmad Zaoui,...preferred to work in another framework than the FIS. The FIS makes known that any statement from these two hrothers does not represent its official position," the communique said.

The FIS last week denied a statement hy Mr. Haddam that the organisation's armed forces would merge with those of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) and the Move-ment of the Islamic State (MEA).

The contradictory statements were the clearest evidence so far of a struggle for control of the Islamic movement that is seeking to top-ped Algeria's army-backed government.

Algeria's official news agency said on Sunday that the leader of an armed GIA unit, Abdul Kader Hattah, bis wife and nine followers were found huried in a mountain cave. Security sources were quoted as saying they had been killed by a rival

But an exiled FIS source disputed the report, saying his movement was absolutely determined to avoid Afghanstyle feuding among Islamic groups.

At least 4,000 people mainly security personnel and Islamic militiants — have died in civil strife since the military intervened to cancel a general election in 1992 which the FIS was poised to

Mr. Haddam, who heads the FIS deputies elected in the first round of the unfinished vote, had said the merger was agreed at a meeting of "all the field commanders" of Islamic groups in Algeria on May 13. The FIS said it was not

represented at the May meeting and refused to dissolve itself into another organisa-

Foreign diplomats say the GIA, strongest to the Algiers area, is behind a campaign of highly-publicised assassinations of foreigners and intellectuals. Some believe it is penetrated and manipulated by the security services.

The FIS' own armed movement, the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS), is larger but operates mainly in the provinces against the security forces and government targets. Most of its attacks go unreported by the official

Diplomats say the Islamic movement is divided between those, notably in the GIA, who favour all-out war and those, mainly in the FTS leadership, ready to negotiate with the authorities to prevent the country sliding even further into bloodshed.

# Iran blast suspect dies; Tehran sees Argentina, London links

TEHRAN (R) — A suspect in a bomb attack on a Muslim shrine in Iran died in hospital here Tuesday from bullet wounds in a shoot-out with security men, the official IRNA news agency reported. Mahdi Nahvi was arrested

Monday in the shoot-out.

He had been sought by the authorities for the June 20 homh attack on the mausoleum of Imam Reza in Mashhad, eastern Iran. At least 26 people were killed and 68 others wounded in the

Iran hlamed the main armed opposition group, Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, for the attack.

In a brief interview with Iranian television from his hospital bed on Monday, Nahvi claimed to be a member of the Mujahedeen and said he carried out the attack at the orders of the rebel

The Mujahedeen has denied any links with Nahvi. IRNA said the suspect died st two domet wonds in the abdomen and the respiratory system. It did not say bow many times be had been shot in Monday morn-

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He said the main problem

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nitarian aid Iraq was to re-ceive in return for most of the

27 million barrles of crude

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if the process went ahead.

The U.N. Security Council is literally saying that Iraq will not distribute this fairly.

not giving it to Kurds and so forth," Mr. Uzun said.

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ing's shootout. Iran's intelligence minister, Ali Fallahiyan, said in an interview with Tehran Radio Monday that Nahvi was the

perpetrator of the bombing. Earlier Tuesday, Iran link-ed the Mashhad blast to last month's bomb attacks on Jewish and Israeli targets in Latin America and Britain, and laid blame for the bombings on Israel and the Mu-

Official Tehran Radio said in a commentary that the answer to the explosions would be found in the "axis" forged between Israel and the Mnjahedeen. The Iranians refer to the outlawed group as the "monafeqin," which means bypocrites in Farsi.

Iran has been trying to deflect accusations made by Israel and the United States that the Iranian-financed Hizbollah group was behind attacks apparently targeted at

Jews. (see page 2).
"The view is gradually forming that the explosions in Argentina, London, and Panama were a series of coor-dinated and planned operations, one of the most important objectives of which was perpetrated by the monafe-qin inside Iran," Tehran Radio said in a commentary. The broadcast alleged that "the actual objective behind the attacks was to portray

terrorism, as a terrorist element."
On Monday, Iran challenged the United States to produce evidence to back its accusation of Iranian involvement in the bombings saying

it should otherwise issue an

Iran, which is a victim of

apology. Ayatollab Mohammad Yazdi, bead of the judiciary, said that "Washington should provide documentation... otherwise, it should have the courage to apologise to the Iranian nation," IRNA reported. ·

**Argentine President Carlos** Menem said Monday investi-gators believe the Iranian embassy could have played a party in the July 18 blast. Investigators were re-

ported as saying the suicide bomber who drove a van packed with explosives up to Argentina's main Jewish community centre may have

### Rabin, Peres agree on 'truce'

The Jerusalem Post

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held a reconciliation meeting Monday at which they set up a framework that would enable them to work together to promote the peace process.

No details of the two-hour meeting were revealed, but Labour sources said with satisfaction yesterday that the differences between the twohad been ironed out. It is now hoped in Labour

that both its leaders will work together to solve internal problems as well, such as Labour's difficult financial situation and the divisions resulting from the Histadrut elections Rabin implied that there

were no ideological differences between himself and Peres, and said that the personal disputes are not really relevant "to the heart of the peace process."
"I see the Washington De-

claration as an achievement of significance," he said. "Peres and I are partners to the peace process since the government was established, with Peres serving as foreign minister and myself as prime

"I don't want to go into whether there is or isn't a crisis, Let's remember that this has no connection to the issues at hand. Each of us acted in his field to bring about the Washington Declaration, and if there are problems here and there, they have no bearing on our joint desire to promote the peace process," Rabin said. Attorney Giora Einy, who has served as adviser and confidante to both Peres and

Rabin had arranged the meeting. Einy met with Rabin and Peres separately to set up the meeting, and was in Rabin's office yesterday with the agenda they had prepared, when Peres arrived.

Rabin and Peres decided at the meeting that Rabin would continue to be in charge of the bilateral negotiations with Jordan, Syria and the PLO, while Peres would be responsible for the multilateral talks and the foreign ministers' forum.

Lahour sources said, however, that Peres's desire to be more than merely a bystander in the political process may lead to more clashes

### Heidi Fleiss. father deny money laundering charges

LOS ANGELES (R) --

Alleged Hollywood madam" Heidi Fleiss and her physician father Monday pleaded not guilty to federal charges of laundering money from her high-priced call-girl ring. They also pleaded innoring. They also pleaded inno-cent to charges of making false statements to obtain a bank loan and Heidi Fleiss denied a single count of tax evasion. U.S. Judge Con-suelo Marshall, who presided over Monday's arraignment, set a trial date of Oct. 11. Ms. Fleiss, 28. and her father, Dr. Paul Fleiss, were indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday on six counts of money laundering, one count of con-spiracy and two counts of making false statements to ohtain a bank mortgage. Dr. Fleiss, 60, was also charged individually with making four more false statements to obtain a mortgage. Heidi Fleiss pleaded not guilty last year to charges that she ran a high-priced call girl ring catering to stars and entertainment moguls. Her trial in that case, in which she is charged with five counts of pandering and one of possessing cocaine, is set to begin on Aug. 22. Heidi Fleiss' lead attorney, Anthony Brook-lier, said outside court Monday he expects the state case to proceed first. Prior to their arraignment, father and daughter made a brief initial federal court appearance before a U.S. magistrate Monday. They were asked if they had seen the indictment and had been read their rights before being taken away for processing.

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### Girl kills herself over exorbitant tuition

BEIJING (R) — A girl whose high school entrance exam scores were too low to merit free tuition was so shamed by the prospect of exorbitant fees she killed herself with pesticide, official newspapers said Tuesday. Chen Xinyan, 15, said in a handwritten will her family could not afford the 15,000 yuan (\$1,740) that friends told her was demanded of pupils falling short in their exams. "Please forgive me fot my filial failure," she wrote to her parents, who earn only 800 yuan (\$93) a year, the China Business Times said from her east China bometown of Nanjing. "I can't suffer the dirty looks of others. I have no right to ask you to shoulder the cost of my tuition." she said. Chen was so distraught that she swallowed a fatal dose of pesticide on July 19, the China Youth Daily said. China's schools at all levels are scrambling to find new sources of income to make up for shrinking state subsidies. Primary and secondary schools are quickly embracing tuition increases, and many have adopted tuition schemes that penalise stu-dents with less-than-excellent marks. Popular vocational high schools charge as much as 9,900 yuan (\$1,150) a year in tuition, possibly in viola-tion of state policies, the Chi-na Business Times said. Officials said Chen scored 554 points on an examination to enter Lianyun Port High School of Finance - just eight points below the cut-off point for free tuition.

### **Rolling Stones** begin world tour in Washington

WASHINGTON (R) — The middle-aged members of the Rolling Stones proved time was on their side Monday. swaggering and rocking with a muscular, energetic sound as they launched their world tour. Led by 51-year-old singer Mick Jagger, the Stones belted out hit songs ranging from the 1960s to material fresh off of their latest album, Voodoo Lounge. The group, which is touring the United States, Canada, Latin American ica, Asia and Europe, performed such rock 'n' roll classics as Satisfaction and Honky Tonk Women. Snrrounded by a sea of young and old fans sporting T-shirts and buttons with the Stones' sexy lips-and-tongue logo. the British hand played almost non-stop for over two hours at Washington's RFK Memorial Stadium

# Nihal Abequa's sister arrives seeking custody of children

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Nesime Dokur, sister of Nihal Abequa, 40, who was found killed in her ANKARA (R) — A decision on flushing the Iraqi-Turkish oil pipeline idle since 1990 New Jersey apartment on July 4, is in Jordan in a bid to may not be reached hy September, delaying the pro-cess until next year at the earliest, a Turkish oil official regain the custody of her niece, Lisa, 6, and nephew Sami, 3, who were brought to Jordan hy their father Mohammad Abequa.

said on Tuesday.
"I doubt there will be a Mr. Abequa has confessed decision by September. Even if it is reached after that the to strangling his wife to death and fleeing to Jordan with the pipeline cannot be flushed two children. He is in detenuntil next year due to the tion in Jordan, harsh winter in the region,"

Ms. Dokur told the Jordan Hayrettin Uzun, chairman of Times on Tuesday that she had not met the children be-Turkey's pipeline company Botas, told Reuters. cause she is still exhausted from the trip and because Mr. Uzun said severe wineverything happened too ter in Turkey's southeast and north Iraq will make inspection and repairs to the rusting

quickly."
Ms. Dokur, who was invited to Jordan by His Majesty King Hussein last Thursday, is accompanied with two attorneys, a U.S. senator's secretary and daughter. Nancy Feinberg, Ms. Dokur's attorney, said U.S.

senators and congressmen had held a meeting with the King on the Abequa case and the King later invited the Dokur family as his guests. Ms. Feinberg said that the meeting with the King was successful, and that the conclusion was that Jordan would cooperate to speed up

law only allows Jordanian

lawyers to defend cases.

"It (the Security Council) says it wants to distribute the The attorney said that she goods or monitor the pro-cess," he said.

Mr. Uzun criticised the and her husband are representing Ms. Doknr and Maryem Gussal, the mother Security Council for not

of the victim. agreeing with Iraq's position "It was made clear to us which is against any form of that we are not coming for a internatinal monitoring of long visit, but to attend an food distribution in the couninformal and quick hearing, and that the children's cus-"Frankly I think it is imtody will he determined under the Islamic law," she

possible not to agree with the Iraqis — it is not suitable for the U.N. to be involved in told the Jordan Times. The attorney said that she the distribution of goods not was seeking a Jordanian lawyer to represent Ms. barred by sanctions." iraq would be reimbursed Dokur and and Ms. Gussal in the case since the Jordanian for some of the oil by receiv-

ing humanitarian goods not

barred under sanctions.

"We have faith in Jordanian justice and we have brought all the necessary evidence and proof of identity for the children to be presented in courts," Ms. Fein-

berg said. The two children are staying with Mr. Abequa's mother,

No Abequa family member could be reached for comment on the issue, hot Rukieh, one of Mr. Abequa's sisters, told the Jordan Times in a recent interview that Ms. Dokur was more than welcome to visit the children if she came to Jordan.

"My family doesn't mind if she wants to visit the childern," she said. However, she would not comment on the child custody issue. An Associated Press report

quoting one of Mr. Abequa's brothers as saying: "My family is willing to meet with Ms. Dokur to discuss the issue in frieodly manner." "If she wants to meet with

us we are ready. If she wants to take us to court we are also ready," be told the AP.

Iyad Jaradat, a Jordanian lawyer, told the Jordan Times that "most likely the custody of the children will go to the grandmother of the children — Nihai Abequa's mother — in the U.S.

Mr. Jaradat said that according to the Islamic Sharia, the mother of the wife is entitled first to the custody of the children. If she is not alive, he added, the custody will go to the mother of the

Mr. Abequa faces charges of killing his wife and kidnapping their children. Mr. Jaradat said Mr. Abe-

qua did not have the right to leave the U.S. with the children without the approval of the mother, if she was alive, or the guardian of the children since a court hearing was coming up on the childrens' custody.

Minister of Justice Hisham Al Tel was not available all day for comment. But he was quoted by AP on Tuesday as saying that "Jordanian courts have not received any request from any side regarding cus-tody of the children."

"If the dispute was not solved amicably, an Islamic court would have to handle the case," the minister said.

According to article 1, paragraph 10 of the Jordanian penal code stipulates that if a Jordanian commits a crime or becomes an accessory in a crime ontside the Kingdom he or she is liable to be prosecuted under Jordanian

"Since we do not have an extradition treaty with the U.S., and Mr. Abequa is a Jordanian he will be tried in the country," Mr. Igradat

According to Ms. Feinberg, Nihal Abequa had filed for divorce in 1994, saying her husband was physically abusing her and her children. The lawyer said the mother and sister of the victim testified in court that Mr. Abequa

On Mr. Abequa's charge that his wife was seeing another man, Ms. Feinberg said that neighbours of the victim testified to police that they never saw a man going to the woman's apartment after she was separated from ber husband.

was physically abusing his

Ms. Feinberg added that her late client visited her on March 1994 to file for divorce. She said Nihal told her that Mr. Abequa had left for Jordan to find a job there and that be was going to start a new life there.

"Based on that she came to me and asked me to start divorce procedures," she

Nihal claimed that she had received several death threats from her busband, the lawyer